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COMMISSIONER DENNETT SETS EXAMPLE

Methodists are Wrestling with Weighty Church Problems—Recorder Napier Defends Taft Administration at Baltimore - General News.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special

The formal observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the general land office, a highly important bureau of the Department of the Interior, brings it into popular notice, not only because of its valued functions as the "real estate director" of the United States government, but because of the good things its chief official and his sponsors have done for the uplift of the worthy Negroes sheltered beneath its wing.

The sky under yhich colored men live is often so dark and lowering, and the rewards of merit are so meager, that many of the race have come to believe that justice to them from members of another race is not to be expected. As an antidote to this frame of mind, it is pleasant to relate the record of Hon. Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office ,in Washington. There are seventeen classified employes of the colored race in the land office, and during the four years of Mr. Dennett's incumbency of office, ten of these have received promotions.

Commissioner Dennett's "Roll of Honor."

Charles E. Cheatham, of North Carolina, an expert stenographer, who entered the service in 1908, has been promoted through all the grades from $900 to $1,600, and is now in the office of the Secretary of the Interior at a salary of $1,620 per annum; L. M. Hershaw, of Georgia, who had been a file clerk for a number of years at $1,400, has been promoted to $1,600 and assigned to examine desert land claims. Other notable promotions are: W. W. Cochran, of Mississippi, $1,000 to $1,200; James A. Davis, of Tennessee, $1,000 to $1,200; David W. Utz, of Alabama, $900 to $1,-900; Samuel H. Webb, of Virginia, $720 to $900; Charles N. Barker, of Kansas, $720 to $900; Benjamin S. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, $720 to $840; and Gabriel Fletcher, of Maryland, $660 to $720.

In addition to these promotions, Edward H. Hunter, of North Carolina, who resigned to enter the ministry, and is a candidate for one of the general offices of the A. M. E. church, was given the position of law examiner at $1,600, the first colored man who ever held such a position in the classified service; and Sampson H. Brentx was classified as a skilled laborer at $660. While this is not a promotion in salary, it is a promotion in grade and tenure.

A "Merit System" That Means What Term Implies.

Commissioner Dennett makes the merit system of promotions mean what the term implies, namely: that those who show capacity for and performance of assigned tasks are rewarded according to ability and performance. The pigmentation of the skin and ethnological alignment are not factors which enter into his estimate of qualifications for advancement. He has a fixed, unvarying standard of justice, and applies it to all, having no thought as to race, position, or substance. He is calm and undemonstrative, indulging in neither professions nor flatteries nor patronizings when dealing with members of the colored race.

A colored clerk who has been promoted to a high grade went to Mr. Dennett to thank him for his promotion. The commissioners reply to the clerk's expression of gratitude was: "You owe me no thanks. I have assigned you to a line of work that would show what you could do; you made good, and that's all there is of it."

It is well that the race should know and keep track of the white people in places of authority who are doers of the work of justice, and not sayers only. Of this number, standing high in the galaxy of "Nature's noblemen," is the Hon. Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office.

Methodist Churchmen at Work.

The Atlantic seaboard is depopulated these days of high Methodist churchmen. Bishops, pastors, delegates and visitors of every type are divided among the three general conferences of the faith of John Wesley.. The ionites are at Charlotte, N. C., the A. M. E.'s are at Kansas City, and the M. E.'s are at Minneapolis. No small degree of local interest hedges about the Minneapolis gathering, where Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, is a leading contender for bishopric honors. If he is elected, as it now seems he will be, there will be a vacancy at Howard. There will be no dearth of candidates for this very desirable $5,000 berth, to which numerous additional perquisites are attached, aside from the distinction and dignity. It is believed that the trustees are in a mood to decide that the next president of the race's greatest institution for the higher education shall be a colored man. With this view in mind rumor is busily connecting the name of many well-qualified educators with the place. Some of those mentioned are: Kelly Miller, George William Cook and Lewis B. Moore, of the University faculty; Roscoe Conkling Bruce, W. E. B. DuBois and Judge Robert H. Terrell, the latter a lecturer on special law topics in the law department. If the honor should fall to Prof. Cook, who outranks all of his contemporaries in seniority of connection with the school, it is said that Andrew F. Hilyer, an expert accountant of the interior department, is slated to succeed him as secretary of the institution. Other changes are also talked about, predicated upon the result at Minneapolis, a point on the map that every Howard man is watching just now with feverish interest. The possibility of the election of Editor Robert E. Jones as a bishop for the colored conferences, is also a topic for general discussion.

The election of five bishops at Kansas City, and two at Charlotte, will probably be a part of history when these lines reach the reader's eyes. Drs. John Hurst and J. M. Conner are expected to land two of the places at Kansas City, with Drs. D. P. Roberts, T. M. N. Smith and W. W. Beckett strong in the field, and Dr. I. N. Ross a "dark horse," who will surprise everybody. Dr. J. S. Jackson will win at Charlotte, with the second place lying between Drsfl C. C. Clement, S. L. Corrothers, W. L. Lee, J. B. Colbert and R. A. Morrissey. At Kansas City, Dr. C. V. Roman, author of "Racial Solidartiy," and other able works, and who has been giving such an excellent account of himself for the past year as editor of the A. M. E. Church Review, will be elected to succeed Prof. Kealing. The problem as to whether the twelve-year provision for the African bishops is binding or not, will be one of the big questions to be threshed out. Morally, it ought to be, and the African bishops accepted office with the understanding that they would be required to stay in that field for twelve years. The election of Dr. E. H. Hunter as financial secretary would please everybody in this neck-o'-the-woods. None of the sessions will lack for interesting features.

Mrs. Shaw Active in Educational Work.

Mrs. Julia K. Shaw, directress of domestic science in the Armstrong Manual Training school, is one of the Districts most active educational forces. She is a firm believer in the efficiency of domestic science in the promotion of human happiness and takes a lively interest in all matters that tend to present its virtues to the people of every kind and condition. She will turn out an excellent class in June, and her pupils are all loud in their praise of her, because of the sympathetic attention she has given them throughout the long and exacting course. Mrs. Shaw has been invited to take charge of the domestic science work this summer at the Institution for Colored Youths at Cheyney, Pa., and may accept. A more thorough instructor could not be found.

Dr. Henry M. Higgins a Benedict.

Cards have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, of Chicago, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Fannie Consuelo, to Dr. Henry Mason Higgins, Jr., Saturday, March 2, 1912. The happy couple have been "at home" to their friends since April 20, at 3635 Forest avenue, Chicago. Dr. Higgins is a popular Cincinnati boy, and will be remembered as the brilliant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Higgins, of that city. He is twenty-one years of age, and immediately after taking his degree at the Ohio State University, qualifying in veterinary surgery, he was appointed to a position as veterinary inspector in Chicago. Miss Woods (that was) is a beautiful and accomplished young ladq, a society belle of Chicago, and is a graduate of the Chicago University.

Honored by Harvard University.

Harvard University has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy upon C. G. Woodson, a teacher in the M street high school, an honor which only one other colored man, Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, has received from that institution. Mr. Woodson lately passed his special examination, thus completing all the requirements for the degree. His work lay in the department of history and political science, and his thesis was "The Disruption of Virginia. Mr. Woodson, who has traveled around the world, studied at the University of Paris. While at the Sorbonne, he worked under Prof. Aulard, Lemonnier, Diehl and Bouche-Leclerq.

Judge Terrell and Assistant Attorney General Lewis Eulogize Grant.

Judge Robert H. Terrell, who is an annual guest of honor at the Loendi club's celebration of the birthday of General Grant at Pittsburg, and Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis, delivered thrilling addresses Monday evening of last week in the "Smoky City" in eulogy of the nation's greatest military genius. Both were fine examples of forensic ability and the tributes to the race's sturdy friend struck a responsive chord in the breasts of all who heard them. The father of Judge Terrell, the late Harrison Terrell, was intimately associated for years with General Grant, and was with the latter when the spark of his great life died out.

Register Napier in Baltimore.

Register J. C. Napier was greeted by an immense audience Sunday afternoon at the John Wesley M. E. church in Baltimore, of which Rev. Ernest Lyon, formerly minister to Liberia, is pastor. The eloquent Tennesseean spoke upon "The America nNegro as a Factor in the Development of Civilization," a subject upon which he is a recognized authority. Mr. Napier took occasion to commend the President of the United States for his timely denunciation of the lynching evil in this country, and described the many ways in which Mr. Taft has shown his friendship for the worthy, industrious and intelligent Negro citizen, pointing out a score of occasions where he has gone far out of his way to encourage the black American to equip himself to be a stronger and more potent factor in the development of civilization.

"President Taft has visited and addressed more Negro schools and Negro churches than any other man who has sat in the White House. Under no administration has the Negro had a more cordial welcome at the White House than since Mr. Taft has been there, and no reasonable request made by any representative body of men of the race has ever been denied."

Mr. Napier told of the recent conference between the President and a number of colored gentlemen, and impressed his hearers when he referred to the deep interest displayed by Mr. Taft in the appeals made by them for a correction of some of the evils that have crept into our political and official system. Out of his interview came the refusal of the President to appoint Judge Hook to the Supreme bench, the unequivocal excortiation of lynching and the designation of William Clarence Matthews as as assistant district attorney at Boston. Other good things are yet to come, said the optimistic register, and it was his opinion that the colored people of Maryland would show their gratitude for such generous recognition on the part of the President by voting for him at the primaries Monday. The reception accorded Mr. Napier was extremely cordial, and his instructive address made an impression that is bound to be lasting in its effect.

The News in Brief.

President Taft ended last week with 450 delegates to his credit, leaving him but 90 short of the 540 necessary to make a majority at the Chicago convention. This does not include the vote of Maryland or any of the results of the present week.

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The banquet in honor of Prof. George William Cook, secretary of Howard University, was a brilliant affair—one of the largest and finest functions of the kind ever given here.

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The Washington Bee is to celebrate its thirty-third aniversary in June by getting out a monster special edition.

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The conclave of the Knights Templar is scheduled for August 19-24 in this city.

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Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis is to deliver the address to the literary societies at The National Religious Training School on the 22nd. He is to be at the Alabama State Fair at Birmingham on the 20th.

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F. D, Henry, formerly of the postoffice department, has been appointed chief clerk at the Freedmen's hospital, succeeding Harry Cardozo, resigned.

'Dr. D. Webster Davis, gospel preacher, philosopher, educator, author and humorist, lectured Friday evening at the Metropolitan Baptist church, taking for his theme, "Down and Out." Later, he was the special guest of the famous Mu-So-Lit Club and delivered a telling address on "Some Observations By the Way."

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Bishop Walters announces that the annual conference of the Washington and Philadelphia conference will be held at Salisbury, Md., beginning June 12.

Secretary MacVeagh, with characteristic liberality, this week promoted Mr. James S. Brooks, and transferred the efficient young man to a snug berth in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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Register J. C. Napier goes to Nashville, Tenn., next week to attend the state convention which meets on the 14th.

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Quite a sensation was created last week whenFerrol Le Duc, white, forty-six years of age, said to be a Frenchman, secured a license at the city hall to marry Miss Julia Wormley, colored, thirty-five years of age. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Aquilla Sayles, who seems to have a monopoly of handling the "mixed marriage" business of the District.

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An examination to be held in New York for women teachers of the elementary ungraded schools has been announced through a circular letter sent out by Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce, for the benefit of the graduates of Normal School No. 2, who have not yet secured employment. This examination is to be held May 20 and 21. Examinations for other positions will be held at other dates at present unannounced. Mr. Bruce keeps an eye open for the benefit of the graduates who finish in our schools.

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The Robert T. Freeman Dental Association was entertained last week by the dentists of Baltimore. The meeting was highly profitable and the formation of a tri-state dental association, embracing the dentists of Washington, Baltimore and Virginia, may grow out of the discussion of ways and means for getting together.

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Mrs. Elizabeth A. Shippen, of this city, now has full charge of the Boys' Industrial school at Hanover, Va., and is enthusiastic in the work of reforming budding youths who have gone astray, ofttimes by reason of improper environment, rather than from inherent criminality. Mrs. Shippen' requests are cheerfully complied with by the state board of charities and corections and her estimate of the appropriations needed is invariably passed by the Virginia legislature without reduction or question of any kind. She has the confidence and cooperation of the best people of both races in the uplifting mission to which she is devoting her life. This school was founded several years ago by Mr. John H. Smyth, at one time minister to Liberia. It is one of Virginia's most useful and helpful institutions for the training of so-called incorigible boys.

R. W. THOMPSON.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

(By Wm. G. Miller.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The following principals were appointed by the board of education: Denverside school, M. V. Lucas; McKinley school, Jos. Marley; Garfield, Miss Fannie Jones; truant officer, Frank Adams....Rev. S. B. Jones is attending the general conference in Kansas City....Miss Flora E. Howard has resumed her position in the Lovejoy school after several weeks' illness....The St. Clair Literary and Embroidery Club met with Mrs. Callie Lotts last Monday. An elegant lunch was served....The Odd Fellows sermon will take place next Sunday at Rock Road Methodist church..The Woman's League met at the residence of Mrs. Sharpe....The annual sermon of the K. of P.'s and the Courts of Calanthe took place last Sunday at Macedonia Baptist church. The knights made a creditable showing. Dr. Harris, of St. Louis, preached an eloquent sermon. It was a practicable and well as a literary gem....Phone 2817L your news....The funeral of Willie Thomas took place from the A. M. E. church on Bond avenue, the Rev. Brown officiating....The teachers and pupils of the Lincoln high school went to St. Louis last Monday to witness the child's welfare exhibit at the Coliseum....Mr. Joseph DeShields and mother attended the funeral of Miss Stella Moore, of Decatur, Ill.; also Mr. Henry White, of Collinsville. Miss Moore visited this city several times and had many friends here....Major Roper visited Valley Park, Mo., last week.... Miss Alberta Short, of 411 Bowman avenue, is improving after a lingering spell ....Miss Marjorie Atkins will leave on Thursday for Chicago...Dr. W. H. Fields and W. H. ing, grand officers visited the Rising Sun Eagle Eye Lewis Council last week....Mr. Jas. Campbell, who has been very sic kis improving....Rev. Wm. Hailey, of Temple Lodge No. 58, A. F. A. M., of Murphysboro, Ill., at present making his home in this city, has received his degrees in royal arch....Mr. D. Ellison was called to Cairo on account of the illness of his father....Rev. Hal Dawson has returned from Jackson, Tenn., where he was called to see his mother. Mrs. Dawson is better....Misses Asie Harley and Mary Swain attended Pilgrim Sunday school and church last Sunday....Miss Fannie Jones spent Sunday in Alton.... Watch for the Indian encampment which is to take place at St. Paul's Baptist church........Dr. Earl Williams was reelected as assistant county physician for Stites township. Dr. Williams has made a splendid record....East St. Louis needs a colored drug store....The funeral of Miss Clara Bailey took place last Sunday from Rev. Connley's church. The Tabernacles had charge of the funeral....Your correspondent visited the B. & O., Big Four, L. & N., and M. & O. freight houses and found quite a few holding responsible positions, to his surprise....The Imperials and the Springfields opened the baseball season at Kyle's park last Sunday. The game was an exciting one from start to finish with the home team winning.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The K. of P. lodge held their annual sermon last Sunday, May 5. Rev. Bruen, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., preached the sermon. They turned out in grand parade and full dress from the hall to the Second Baptist church. Mr. A. Campbell was commander. F. S. Campbell was master of ceremonies. P. Parley was captain. There was a large crowd at the church; everybody was pleased with the sermon. The Pythians say Rev. Bruen's sermon on Pythianism is the best they ever heard. The choir of the Second Baptist church sang some excellent songs for the occasion. Mrs. B. M. McQueen sang a solo, which was highly appreciated by every one present. Mrs. McQueen is an accomplished vocalist....Mr. Ed Glaber, who has been here visiting his mother and other relatives and a host of friends, has returned to his home in Crawfordsville, Ind.....Rev. Loery did not preach at Walnut Hill on Sunday, April 28, at was expected on account of rain and bad roads....Mr. Jeff. Rogers visited friends at Walnut Hill, Ill., last Sunday.. ..Mr. Henry Glover made a flying trip to Mt. Vernon one day this week....Mr. Ed. Glover, Mr. Andrew Glover and Mr. John Glover all dined at the home of their brother, Mr. Henry Glover, last Sunday.. ..Mr. Wm. Lewis and wife went to Mt. Vernon, Ill., last Sunday to attend the annual sermon of the K. of P.'s of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Mr. Lewis says the K. of P.'s had a grand turnout and parade with colored brass band and also reports that the sermon preached by Rev. S. O. Neil, of Henderson, Ky., cannot be beaten. Mr. Lewis says that he thinks the K. of P.'s of Mt. Vernon are ahead of the Centralia K. of P.'s..Mrs. Z. Offored is up and around again after about a month's illness. Everybody is glad to see her out....A boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hinds last Wednesday....Mr. S. T. Hinds went to Chicago, Ill., last week to visit friends ....Mr. E. Johnson and Mr. N. Johnson were in St. Louis, Mo., last week visiting friends....Miss L. Davis, of Decatur, Ill., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Carneal.

MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Bethseda Baptist church is now engaged in a few weeks' revival. Services are good and largely attended. Up until now there have been more than ninety received into the church. Sunday, May 12, baptizing at 9 a. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to be present at all of the services....Mrs. Lucinda Grundy, the wife of Mr. Felix Grundy, died Thursday, May 2, at their home on Carter street. She was also one of the old residents of Marshall and was loved by all who knew her. The husband has lost a dear wife, the children a dear mother and the community in which she lived a kind and affectionate friend, the church a good and loyal member. The remains were laid to rest in the Foster cemetery....Mrs. Mary Hawkins is sick....Mrs. Josie Williams, of Shreveport, was called to Marshall on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Felix Grundy....The closing games between the Bishop and Wiley colleges for this school term were played last Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. Bishop having the stronger team they were victorious in both games....Mrs. L. H. Williams is sick..The night school at Wiley University is expected to go on all the summer. Those who desire to take advantage of this opportunity will do well to enroll at an early date. Young men, it is up to you. Make well of this opportunity while it now presents itself to you. Educate yourself by attending school at night ....Read The Freeman and keep up.

MUNCIE (IND.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Minnie Kelly, of Montpelier, was in Muncie to take in the Buffalo Bill show last Wednesday......Mr. George Boyer, who has been sick for some time, at his home on East Second street, is getting better slowly.....Walter Rider has left the city....The Calvary Baptist church will have their May fair the 14, 15 and 16. All are invited....Mr. Simmon, the Pullman porter, stopped at the Pekin hotel... ..Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are now stopping at the Pekin. Mr. Wilson is now second cook at the Kirby hotel....Miss Myrtle Young is stopping at the Pekin hotel.... Mr. Buck White is at the terminal station ....The Mountain Climbers' ball team played the Hartford City team Sunday, May 5, at Hartford City, Ind....There was an entertainment given at the A. M. E. church Monday May 6th....Literary meeting on Tuesday.

ENDORSEMENT OF TAFT

BY RACE LEADERS IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS FORMED

The League will Meet Annually and Appeal to Congress to Enforce the Constitution of the United States—Strong Resolutions are Adopted.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Washington, May 2.—At a race conference composed of nearly five hundred delegates held at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion church, Monday and Tuesday, ringing resolutions endorsing President Taft for renomination and re-election were adopted.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the many ills suffered by the Afro-American people and to suggest plans for the amelioration of present conditions in the country. During the meeting the question of the attitude of the race in the present contest was brought up and after careful consideration of the issues involved, the delegates who represented every section of the country and every shade of political opinion, decided by an overwhelming vote to work for and vote for the renomination and re-election of President Taft.

The organization is to be a permanent one and every year the League will meet in Washington and a direct personal appeal will be made to Congress to enforce the Constitution of the United States.

The committee on resolutions was composed of W. Calvin Chase, District of Columbia; J. C. Denny, Virginia; J. Louis Taylor, District of Columbia; A. S. Williams, Georgia; and Rev. P. K. Fonville, Pennsylvania.

Resolutions Adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted by an overwhelming majority:

Whereas, We, the representatives of the colored citizens of the United States, representing every state and territory, have assembled at the capitol of this great republic in national conference for the purpose of discussing the best methods to be adopted to ameliorate the condition of the suffering of millions of our fellow citizens and to indorse and recommend to the suffrages of the colored American race the man who could, in our opinion, best represent all the people, and especially the colored American citizens, in the high office of chief executive of our government, and

Whereas, It is true that some mistakes have been made in dealing with the South, but those mistakes were due to the policy advanced by bad leadership or by men whose selfish ambition was paramount to the rights of the Negro in those states where Jim Crowism, race discriminations and disfranchisement were enacted into laws by Democratic legislatures and for which the Republican party is not responsible, and,

Whereas, The greatest evil which now confronts us, and which if enacted into law would be a menace to our constitutional government, is the Recall of Judges, and,

Whereas, Such a doctrine, if it should triumph, would inaugurate retroactive legislation, nothing more or less than the repudiation of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which would take from the Afro-American his vested rights, which have cost millions of lives and rivers of blood, and,

Whereas, It would place into the hands of the Southern oligarchy, a weapon with which to blot out the decisions against peonage which have been rendered under the administration of William Howard Taft, and,

Whereas, If the doctrine of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt should prevail in the Recall of Judges, few judges would be brave and courageous enough to interpret construe and uphold the Constitution, and the rights of the Afro-American would be endangered, and,

Whereas, The Southern states which uphold the doctrine of states' rights are daily violating the Amendments to the Constitution, and the people of those states would not hesitate to recall the judges who have convicted and sentenced the violators of the laws against peonage, and,

Whereas, The Thirteenth Amendment, Section 1, declares: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Section 2: "Congress shal lhave power to enforce any article by appropriate legislation," and,

Whereas, A Democratic Congress has neither attempted nor will attempt to enforce by appropriate legislation laws against the peonage system, which has been a menace to the colored people in certain Southern states, and the judges who have rendered decisions against this heinous crime would certainly be recalled if the doctrine of the Recall of Judges obtains, and,

Whereas, The last great Amendment to the Constitution is being violated daily, without any effort on the part of Congress to cure the evil, and would be wiped out completely if the doctrine of the Recall of Judges were enacted into law, which Amendment reads:

"Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and,

Whereas, No effort has been made by the Democratic House to enforce this Amendment to the Constitution, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the representatives of 12,000,000 people, warn our fellow citizens against the pernicious doctrine of the Recall, which means second slavery and havoc to the peace of society and to the progress of our government, and the denial of all the vested rights of the colored American, both political and civil. Be it further

Resolved, That in view of the existing conditions, we hereby endorse William Howard Taft for renomination as President of the United States and urge upon all patriotic citizens, who believe in good government, to vote for his renomination and re-election. Be it further

Resolved, That this National Congress shall be perpetuated and known as "The National League of American Negroes," organized for their advancement and the protection of their civil and political rights. Be it further

Resolved, That the officers of this League consist of a president, fifteen vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, chaplain, and an executive committee of fifteen, of which a sub-committee of five shall be appointed and known as the Legal Bureau. This League shall meet once every year at such time as may be designated by the executive committee, in the city of Washington and that each year an appeal shall be made to Congress demanding that the Constitution of the United States shall be enforced, and the appeal may also contain any other matter which may tend to aid the colored American. Be it further

Resolved, That the executive committee shall prepare a constitution and by-laws for the government of the League. Be it further

Resolved, That each state shall organize a subordinate League and elect three delegates to the national league convention to be held under and by virtue of the call of the president, by direction of the executive committee.

The following officers were elected: President, S. L. Corrothers; vice-presidents, Dr. J. H. McMullen, New York; Dr. P. A. Wallace, Pennsylvania; Dr. C. S. Whitted, Rhode Island; Dr. G. W. Johnson, Massachusetts; Rev. J. H. Batcheler, New Jersey; G. L. Johnson, Ohio; J. R. Clifford, West Virginia; Rev. H. J. Callis, Illinois; Bishop G. L. Blackwell, Indiana; Dr. W. H. Young, Tennessee; Walter L. Cohen, Louisiana; Dr. M. D. Lee, South Carolina; Rev. J. B. Colbert, Kentucky; Dr. B. G. Shaw, Missouri; Nick Chiles, Kansas; treasurer, A. P. Prioleau, South Carolina; secretary, Joseph H. Stewart, District of Columbia; corresponding secretary, Dr. D. M. Mickens, Indiana; chairman of the executive committee, W. Calvin Chase, District of Columbia.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Rev. A. T. Jackson Appointed Presiding Elder.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. A. T. Jackson, of Danville, who formerly preached in Champaign and whose family reside here, has been appointed presiding elder of the Springfield district by Bishop Schaffer, of the Illinois conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church. He succeeds Rev. E. T. Cottman, who died a few weeks ago.. ..The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, Champaign, Ill.....The students of the University of Illinois will give a dance May 19, at Oldman's hall, Urbana, Ill. Benson's orchestra will play. Contracts have been closed with Johnson and Johnson, of Peoria. The hall will be decorated with university colors....The Narcissus club met at the home of Miss Sarah Wilson, 407 East Stoughton street. After business hours there was a three-course luncheon served and the remainder of the evening was spent in playing games and other amusements. Miss Sarah Wilson proved herself a very charming hostess....Urbana and Champaign met on the Illinois field Saturday, May 4, in an athletic contest. Urbana won the meet 62 to 46. The 110-yard dash was won by Roscoe Brewer, of Urbana, and Chester Brewer, of Urbana, two colored students in the Urbana high school. Time 11 sec. ....Mrs. Fanny Brown served a three-course dinner Wednesday evening, May 1, in honor of Miss Allene White, of Springfield, who is here visiting Mrs. Rev. Jones for an indefinite time. Those present were Miss Hattie Harris, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Jones and daughter and Miss Lousiel Lewis. A delightful time was enjoyed....Mr. Bruce Haden, of Tuscola, Ill., and Messrs. Thomas and Edward Hensley, of Matropolis, Ill., took the civil service examination here at the Champaign high school building for railway mail clerks in this district..Miss Maude Jefferson had a very pleasant day of her birthday, May 6 and was royally entertained by her many acquaintances, made during her stay here. Miss Jefferson received a nice gift....Miss Susan Harrison, formerly of Cairo, is here in our city. She will probably make this her home in the future....Mrs. Juanita Phillips, of Monticello, was in the city Sunday......The Model baseball team defeated the Catholic team last week, the score being 5 to 3.... Freeman Branom, colored, died at his home, 607 North Popular street, at 3:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, following an illness from tuberculosis for two years. Mr. Branom was forty-six years old at the time of his death. He was born in Danville, Va., where he married. From 1888 to 1908 he was a laborer in that city, and with his wife came to this city where he lately joined the local union of hod carriers. He was also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Only his wife survives him. Funeral services were held at the home at 1:30 Sunday afternoon....Mrs. Eliza Wood, of 101 North Ellen street, is attending the grand lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor at Columbus, Ohio....Mrs. Hester Lawson, of Montreal, Quebec, Can., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Jeannette King....Mrs. Dock Wilson, 305 East Tremont street, is sick. The doctor thinks she has pedceeds. She is improving somewhat......Mr. N. Dyer and Mrs. N. Dyer and Marie Dyer attended the K. of P. annual services that were held in Danville, May 5....Guy Harris strayed from his home last June. His mother thinks he is in St. Louis. Anyone hearing of a boy by that name white to Mrs. Harris, 104 North Walnut street, Champaign, Ill. I will appreciate your kindness in so doing....Mr. A. R. Lee was in Tuscola, Ill., Sunday, attending the Sunday school....Miss Myrtle Moss has returned from a trip to Iowa, visiting Mr. W. J. Prince....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Cornelia Moss, who has been spending the winter at Los Angelos, Cal., returned to her home in Champaign on Tuesday evening, May 7th.

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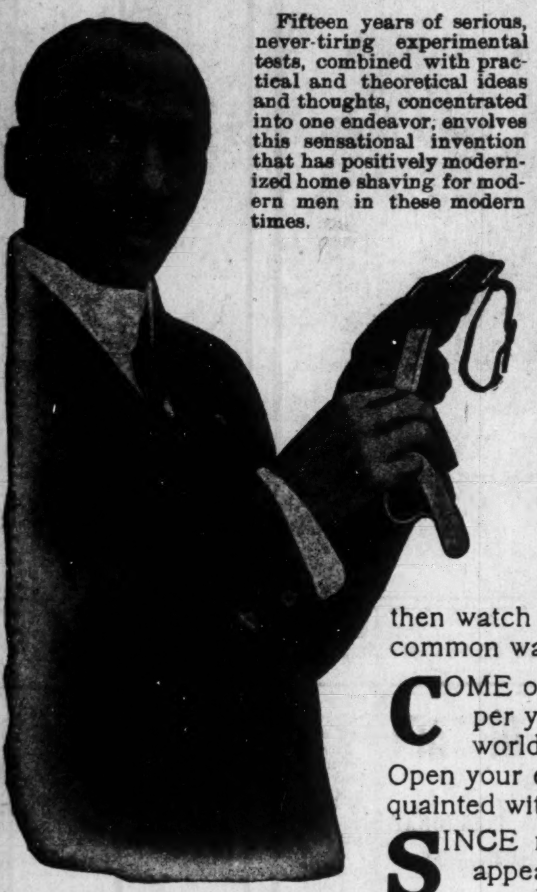

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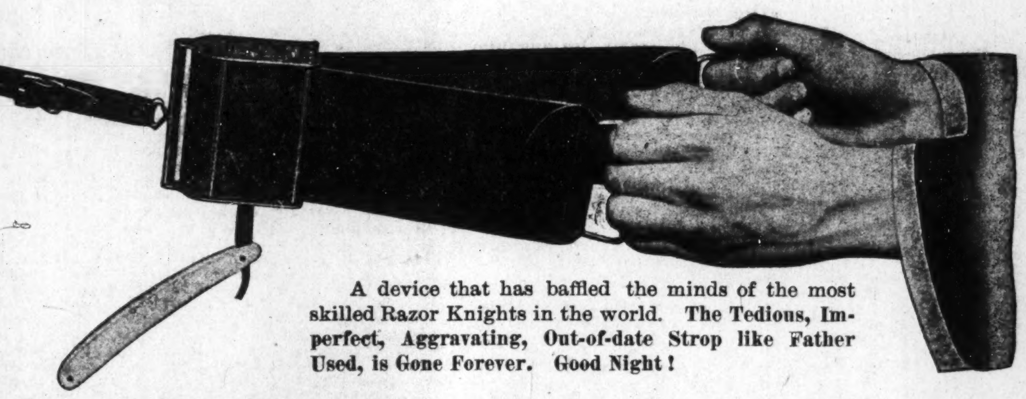

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Before he gets through with the Wickersham-Lewis Bar Association controversy, Secretary Whitelock's name will not be a misnomer.

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With the Negroes of this country paying taxes on property aggregating $600,000,000, the charge that they are a shiftless lot falls pointless to the ground.

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"The American Bar Association, not W. H. Lewis, is on trial," is the way a prominent white member of the Washington bar put it the other day. Right.

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J. E. Bruce, "Bruce-Grit," has published an interesting volume entitled: "Short Biographical Sketches of Eminent Negro Men and Women of Europe and the United States."

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Dr. Robert E. Jones, the scholarly editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, is being mentioned in many quarters as excellent timber for the M. E. bishopric, should that denomination decide to elect a colored brother to that exalted office at Minneapolis next month.

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Dr. C. V. Roman, of Nashville, Tenn., will have practically no opposition at Kansas City next month for the editorship of the A. M. E. Church Review, now that his superior qualifications have become apparent to the progressive A. M. E. church body. He will give the Review an international reputation. Methodism and the race will be incalculable gainers thereby.

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The theater is a public institution, chartered for the accommodation of all orderly people. Discrimination on account of mere color is a violation of the common-law and in most educatied communities, it is a violation of the statutory law. This evil is growing and should be checked by a dignified, but determined appeal to the courts of the land, wherever a good case can be made out.

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Andrew Carnegie may visit Mound Bayou, Miss., when the oportunity presents itself. He expresses himself as being greatly interested in the cottonseed oil mill and the other wonderful industrial and commercial achievements made possible by the constructive genius of Isaiah T. Montgomery, Charles Banks, E. P. Booze, and others, identified with the upbuilding of this remarkable Negro town.

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Dr. W. P. Thirkield says: "The Negro can thrive anywhere any man can thrive. He has shown his ability to make his way in tropical climes. He went with Peary to the North Pole and shared the glory of discovering the 'top of the world.' He would have gone to the South Pole with Amundesen had an invitation been extended him. In war or in peace, he does his full duty toward his country. His 'place' has no metes or bounds—it is everywhere." That's sound doctrine.

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Walter H. Page, editor of "The World's Work," and member of the famous publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Co., is to lecture at an early date at the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C. Mr. Page has long evinced a deep interest in the educational uplift of the colored people, and the message he will deliver at North Carolina's bee-hive of Negro industry, will be productive of great good. To have secured the presence of such an able man is one of Dr. Shepard's notable achievements.

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A total of business worth $260,000 in 1911, chalked up to the credit of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, developed from a total of $840, done thirteen years ago by this same corporation, is an object lesson in the capacity of the Negro to stick to a thing that offers opportunity for growth. It shows that the black man has learned how to sow in fertile soil and gather the "increase" in season. Bully for Merrick, Spaulding, Moore, Avery and the rest of that noble company of commercial magnates.

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"There is no bottom to the 'poverty cry' that is heard in some quarters of the A. M. E. Zion church. This body of Christians is as able as any other organization in the land to sustain its institutions. Its membership is as thrifty and as self-sacrificing as any other, and the charge that they are not willing to contribute the money necessary to go forward and expand along natural lines is absolutely false." This is the statement issued broadcast by Dr. J. S. Jackson, the most successful financial secretary the Zion church has ever had. He knows the people, and they know him. At least two additional bishops will be elected by the general conference at Charlotte in May, and Dr. Jackson is certain to be one of them.

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That was a truly great speech delivered at Ocala, Fla., a few days ago by Judge W. S. Bullock, introducing Booker T. Washington, to an immense audience of both races. Judge Bullock said, in closing his eloquent ribute to the economic value of the Negro to the New South and to the work of the Tuskegee educator: "Washington's great work in the interest of the Negro erects a monument more lasting than tables of stone. His precept and example to the Negro race stands as a beacon light, whose lustre cannot be dimmed. We must esteem ourselves most favored to ave such a man come into our midst. He is an inspiration to every Negro in this land and a benefactor to this nation. His wise counsel to the Negroes of this nation is well known; his words of wisdom are imperishable and will endure forever."

MARION, IND.

A Debate—Taft or Roosevelt?

For the benefit of our colored friends and voters we are giving a debate on the friendship of Taft and Roosevelt for the colored man. What we want is: "The colored appointments made by each to federal positions," "the Brownsville affair," or anything you happen to have. You published a list of Taft's appointments some weeks ago but not the Roosevelt. Will you kindly send these lists of appointments by each, together with your bill for your trouble, and I will gladly remit same. You may send any information you may have tending to show their friendship toward our race. Respectfully yours, A SUBSCRIBER.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Prof. G. W. Saffell, Jr., of Shelbyville, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Sebree, at West Baden, Ind. The public school at Shelbyville, of which he is principal, closed after a successful year. Prof. Saffell thinks that a recreation period at the springs would better fit him for his work in the revenue service. He is interested in the firm of Saffell & Saffell, undertakers, at Shelbyville.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. John Sebolt and sister, Miss Viola Daniels, were called to the bedside of their mother at Wabash, Ind.

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P. S. We especially want to try to encourage every real true believer in Christ Jesus, who belongs to the Negro race that this invitation reaches, to do some kind act for the High Educational College of Glory in this rally and for this cause, any such a member of the Negro race that will make it their task or delight to give $21.00, or to get twenty-one other people to give at least $1.00 to $5.00 each to us now, or on or before the 1st day of July, 1912, to help us pay off the $6,000 mortgage, to each of such real true believers in Christ we will issue a Royal Life Certificate, making them a full life member of the Grand, Supreme, Holy Trinity Association of the first power. It is worth more than $130 to any worthy man or woman to be admitted a life member of same.

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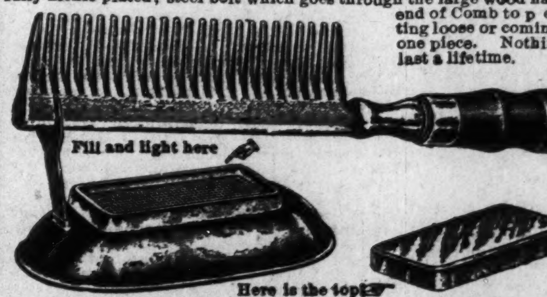

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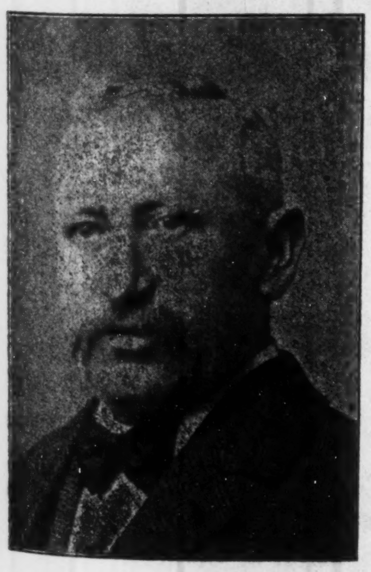

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EVANSVILLE, IND.

Tuskegee Band to Appear May 7—News in General.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Don't forget the great band concert to be given by the Tuskegee Band, under the auspices of the Colored Branch, Y. M. C. A., May 7....Mrs. Roberts, of Indianapolis, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Butler, on Bell street....Mrs. Mary Starling and Mrs. Estella McPheeturs left Monday for their respective homes in Indianapolis. ....The annual sermon of the K. of P.'s will be delivered Sunday, May 5, at Liberty Baptist Church. There will be an excellent program rendered. The public is cordially invited....The Odd Fellows' annual thanksgiving sermon is to be Sunday, May 12, at Liberty Baptist Church. ....Rev. Lane, of the Independence Baptist Church, removed his family to this city Saturday....There will be a reception for the Bland Avenue pastor's family on the 10th of May....The services at the church were excellent, Sunday, and well attended....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw have gone to housekeeping at 812 Chandler avenue, and will soon be at home to their friends....The Household of Ruth had a large initiation last Thursday night.... The famous ball game between the Paducah Giants and the Heilman Stars was largely attended, Saturday and Sunday, and the game was real interesting. The Heilman Stars won the game Saturday, and Sunday being very bad, the game had to be called off....The Ministers' Alliance held a meeting Monday morning at 10:30, at the Y. M. C. A., to discuss various subjects of importance to their congregations. ....Rev. Giles, of the A. M. E. Church, on Fifth street, will read a paper, the subject of which will be "What Is the Negro Materially Contributing Toward the Nation's Progress?"....Get The Freeman at 1106 South Governor street. Anna E. Lenox....Mr. Nelson Goude, of Hopkinsville, and Mr. Nelson Pryor, from Cuba, were in the city Sunday, visiting Morton Goude and other relatives....There was a grand rally at the Bland Avenue Church Sunday, and they had much success.... Rev. Tate's family arrived in our city last week, and he was considerably indisposed, but was able to fill his pulpit Sunday.... Rev. Giles preached in the afternoon at the rally of the Bland Avenue Church.... The Bland Avenue Missionary Society met at Mrs. Ellis' home, on Mulberry street, near Eighth street....The Busy Bee Club of Liberty Baptist Church met at Mrs. Susie Rouse's, 313 Elliott street....Mrs. Sarah White Fry, of Owensboro, Ky., spent Sunday in the city as the guest of Miss Virginia McFarland....There was a joint meeting at Liberty Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual thanksgiving sermon on the fourth Sunday in May, and there will be another on the third Sunday in May, at the U. B. of F. Hall.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lon M. L. Lynch died Wednesday morning, the 24th, and was buried on the 25th. The funeral was held by Rev. J. L. Jones at the A. M. E. Remarks were by Prof. J. W. Hughs, etc. etc. etc. J. S. Kirby, S. G. O., of Knights of Supurbas, organized a lodge of 20 members Monday night, and will leave in a few days for all parts of Oklahoma in the interest of the K. of S.

CAPE MAY, N. J.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The culmination of a courtship from childhood was finally brought to a close Monday evening, April 29, 1912, by the marriage of Miss Armene Cox, of New York City, formerly of Cape May, to Mr. Ellsworth Major, at the Hotel Dale. Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, bridesmaid, and Mr. Walter Redding, best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Kemp, of Philadelphia, Pa. A reception was held in the reception room, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The following guests were present: Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, Miss Eulaia Vance, Mrs. Samuel Turner, Cape May, N. J., and Mr. Jas. H. Gordon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUSCUMBIA, ALA.

The members of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels decided, on account of non-payment of back salaries and mismanagement, etc., to close the show, which they did last week. They were given work at the Pastime Theater immediately after closing, which will last indefinitely. They have begun suit for back salary. Details of the same will be given later. All are well and happy. Address all mail in care of The Freeman. The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession. They have been offered work by Geyer's Minstrels, which they are expecting to take up in a few days. Watch The Freeman for details.

KANSAS CITY. MO.

By A. C. Oglesby.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Senior class and the nurses of the Western University spent a day's outing in heavens north Wednesday, visiting Sancing, Soldiers Home and Fort Seavens north. An enjoyable time was spent by all....Miss Brooks and Miss King and Mr. A. C. Oglesby, were the guests of Mrs. Walker, of Cavens North Sunday....Miss Nora Bowman was removed to general hospital Thursday.... Mrs. Queeney will be able to leave Douglass hospital in a few days....We are having some very warm weather here and the first to be overcome by heat was Mr. William James, of 2124 Flora avenue, he is a colored man.....Owing to the warm weather the spinal meningitis has about disappeared here....Mr. Geo. White has left Baltimore for the East. Mr. White made quite a few friends during his stay in Kansas City ....Miss Harris underwent a successful operation at Douglass hospital Wednesday....Dr. H. S. Thompson will from now on make his calls in hes new auto.. There are quite a few delegates from Africa to attend the general conference ....Mr. and Mrs. Williams are at home at 2435 Michigan avenue....Mr. Jackson succeeded Mr. Fanandis as third waiter at the Baltimore hotel....Mr. John Winn succeeded Mr. G. O. Smith as second waiter.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The State Baptist Foreign Mission convention assembled here last week, and was largely attended. $1,040 was collected for world's missions. Rev. D. E. Murph and wife, missionaries, returned from South Africa, lectured on our brothers in Africa. All officers were reelected but one, H. R. Wilson, of El Paso, succeeds R. W. Moss as treasurer ....J. W. Baily, of Dallas, preached for the (white) Baptist Sunday....The storm of Sunday was severe. Trees uprooted, houses unroofed, but no lives were lost here.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The "Cenate" Restaurant is doing a good business and will install a soda fountain....The play entitled "Zambo" is being rehearsed for a reproduction....The K. of P. annual sermon will be delivered Sunday, May 5....Everybody is going to the ball, May 6, so it seems....The ball and card party given by the Springfield Social Club was a success, being largely attended....There is much business going on among the colored people in the way of building and improving their property, which is a prosperity sign....Mr. J. Harold White and Miss Edna Hagan, a young lady of Joliet, Ill., were married April 24. Mr. White is quite a popular young business man here, being a banker and a thrifty, energetic young man, who promises to make good...Why can't we arouse interest in the business league?....Mr. E. C. Cole is visiting out of the city....C. S. Gibbs, attorney, has brought suit against a coal company, for E. J. Jones, for $25,000. Jones sustained injuries while working in the mine....Let us break up this refusal of Negroes in the nickelodians by suing them under the laws....Another fine cafe has opened here; white waiters, however....Mr. A. W. Naylor, author of "Zambo," has been offered a good bonus from a Chicago playwright and stage setter, who thinks well of Mr. Naylor's show.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness shown us during our son's illness; and in our sad hour of bereavement may God shower His blessing on you all.

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I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
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My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1912.

The Colored Y. M. C. A. of this city is looking up.

Aviators are still dropping very suddenly out of sight.

And this is May, gentle May. She is behaving most beautifully.

Everybody, almost, was at Tomlinson Hall to hear the band and glee club from Tuskegee.

Taft is at home looking after his fences. Nothing like getting encouragement from home.

Talking about drafting Republican candidates in Indianapolis. No wonder the Democrats are so hopeful.

President Taft proved an alibi. Wasn't in the country when it was proposed to prosecute the Harvester Trust Company.

If the present idea of Rooseveltism is "improved" on, we may as well prepare for permanent Presidents, another name for dictators.

The International Conference at Tuskegee was a great success. Interesting reports of the meeting will soon issue from the press. The meeting will be held again in 1915.

The Negro voters of Maryland gave the State to Roosevelt. The Baltimore papers by the race were raging for him. Not one for Taft. "I wonder why?"

Watch and pray during these political times. Can't tell what the future has in store for the race. Prepare for acceptable citizenship. Depopulate the jails and workhouses and other places of confinement.

Col. John R. Marshall, commander of the famous Eighth Illinois Regiment, has been chosen as alternate delegate at large to the Republican national convention. The distinction, we think, is well placed.

The voters will bear in mind that they must register their names with the board appointed for the purpose on one of these three dates: May 9, September 6, October 7. Placards posted in precincts will give further information. Failing to register means a loss of the vote.

Our own Governor Thomas Marshall has a lovely notion of how a presidential candidate ought to act. But modesty isn't quite as fashionable as it used to be. President Taft tried it until Roosevelt came rooting right under his chair. He had to go some. Been making good ever since.

Let us admit that the Negro problem will not be cared for in the selection of Presidents. Now, then, who are you for? What candidate answers best to the American scheme of government? Who is cool and cautious? Who is hot and furious? Kindly answer those questions. Don't be skeered.

Some signs of life are seen about the Second Baptist Church. It is right. It would be a shame to permit the condition of things to continue as they have been for nearly a year, if not longer. The congregation can build one floor, just like the old church started. After a while the house can be completed. It will pay.

Arrangements have been made for the Colored Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in this city. The plans of the building have been submitted and approved. Industrial features will be prominent among the activities, and which promise to be attractive to the young colored men. If the scheme of education is carried out, the Y. M. C. A. will be an institution capable of sending young men out into the world fully prepared to do most anything in the ordinary trades.

A Negro in Georgia was lynched for promoting a "to Africa" movement. The mob must have had violent objections to his scheme. It's a shame that an individual can't ask another one to go to Africa or any other place without exciting such opposition. But really, Africa isn't in need of colonists. Missionaries and such like, meant for the uplifting of the African masses, would be of far more service than colonists. Capitalists, also, for developing the country would not be a poor idea. Plenty of people right over there.

The Tuskegee Band and Glee Club made a big hit in this city last week at Tomlinson Hall. The appearance of this musical organization was clearly beneficial, and in more ways than one. The Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the band came, was helped financially; the organization profited also. But beyond this there were still greater benefits. The uplift spiritually was in immediate evidence. The audience, made up of colored people mainly, was proud to see the well-managed organization; it was proud of its splendid renditions, and was lifted up. The white people were forced to admit that the band did something; that it was no bad imitation of the best of the kind that had been in this city. Something was gained there, and added to our credit account of a coming possibility. Then Tuskegee, the school, was served, its reputation enlarged, not to speak of the exalting of the master mind behind it all—Dr. Booker T. Washington.

THEODORE PORTTEUS FOR SHERIFF.

Mr. Portteus formerly lived in the old Fourteenth ward, where he served his party as precinct and ward committeeman. Before Irvington was annexed as a part of the Ninth ward he had moved there. He was elected to the City Council from the Ninth ward in November, 1905, notwithstanding the ward was a strong Republican ward, and served throughout the years of 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909, with credit to himself. He devoted more time than any other member to the City Council in looking after the needs of his ward and the city's interest. He was always on the side of the people on measures materially affecting the Ninth ward and the city's interest.

It was largely through his efforts that track elevation at East Washington and East Michigan streets was obtained, together with the acquisition of the Ellenberger woods to our park system.

Sheriff Woessner, at the beginning of his first term, selected Mr. Portteus as his chief deputy, and the wisdom of his selection has been fully established by the efficiency with which the business of the office has been handled.

Mr. Portteus has been ever attentive to his duties and courteous to the public, irrespective of political views or alignments. You hear only words of praise from those that have business with the office.

Mr. Woessner's net expense to the county is $15,928.42 less than Metzger's and Sourbier's for years of 1903, 1904 and 1905.

Woessner's net expense to the county is $38,806.97 less than Sourbier's and Clay's for a term of three years—1906, 1907 and 1908.

Mr. Portteus, being Mr. Woessner's chief deputy, also deserves credit for the economical conduct of the office.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Knights of Pythias' Service at Versailles—Dr. Taylor for State Grand Medical Registrar—B. K. Bruce Company D Makes Hit—Miss Jackson's Birthday Party—Versailles School and Fair—Professor Mayo Re-elected to High School—Revival at Lawrenceburg—Miss Allen Gives Swell Reception.

(By Hardin Tolbert, at Peoples Pharmacy. Both Phones 666.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., Special.

The record of Woodfort county reached its climax at Versailles, the county seat of that rich Kentucky soil. Amidst the down pour of rain the call of Alpha Delta Lodge No. 54, and Rebecca Court No. 44, Order of Calantha, Knights of Pythias, assembled at St. Paul A. M. E. church, on Sunday, May 5th. There were more people in this city to witness this Pythian service than there ever has been since the establishment of this order by their most worthy standard bearer. Frankfort had special cars, and with that Frankfortonian spirit, which made the rain no hindrance to their going to show their loyal hospitality to their neighboring lodges. All of the small towns on the road sent large delegations. Frankfort carried the largest delegation, with their uniform ranks. Lexington, Lawrenceburg, Harrisburg, with a host of friends, turned out in large numbers. The church was full of co-workers and friends. The grand uniform parade through the streets caused many comments, among both white and colored people. An excellent program was rendered and was as follows: Music, choir; invocation, Rev. Hickman; music, choir; paper, "Order of Calanthe, Mrs. E. J. Blanton; solo, Mrs. Emma Taylor; "History of the Order," Dr. H. P. Taylor; duet, Mrs. Lula Rowland and Katie Burns; reading of Supreme Chancellor's proclamation, Wm. Bennett, Jr.; Scripture reading, Rev. R. B. Butler; benediction, Rev. Jesse Jackson. The committee was composed of J. Brown, Wm. Bennett, Jr.; P. Lampkins, G. W. Georges, Jr.; G. Chase, N. Buford, P. Arnold, K. Burns, C. Twyman, and M. Lewis. Finance committee, J. Brown, Wm. Bennett, Jr.; E. Taylor, Lula Rowland. Ushers, W. Garnett, Walter Burton. Master of ceremonies, Dr. H. P. Taylor, chancellor commander.

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Miss Mary Cordwell, a popular young lady of Shelbyville, was united in matrimony with Mr. S. L. Hickman, on April 25th, by the father of the groom, Rev. D. R. Hickman, rector of Simpson chapel M. E. church at Versailles.

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Dr. H. P. Taylor, of Versailles, a young and energetic leader of his people, the founder of the Knights of Pythias lodge of that city, whose endeavor and life struggle is for the uplifting of the masses among our race, is a graduate of the famous colored doctors' glory, Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., which has sent from its walls more colored doctors who are out in the world making good than any other medical college under the stars and stripes. Dr. Taylor is a candidate for grand medical registrar of the state. Dr. Taylor has gone out from the large cities to where Pythians were hardly known or heard of and built a concrete form of Pythianism to be carried out in generations to come. It should be the spirit of delegates to lay down personalities and give honor to whom honor is due, and if such true principles are carried out at Bowling Green, Dr. Taylor will be the next grand medical registrar of the state.

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B. K. Bruce Company "D," of this city, under the direction of Captain Allen, made a swell "hit" at Versailles in a display drill in the center of the city. The applauses were sent from both white and colored citizens. The Bruce Company "D" made an everlasting impression in their military tactics, and much honor is due their instructors for their training which talks for itself. The company is getting ready for Baltimore, and from their strenuous efforts here, they hope to have easy sailing in bringing back the first prize to Kentucky.

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Miss Silvey Jackson was the hostess for a birthday party at her home in Versailles. The lawn was beautified with many of the buds of the trees which nature had provided. Miss Jackson used the most artistic taste in ornamenting the rooms for this occasion. A four-course luncheon was served the guests and many nice presents were given Miss Jackson by the guests as a token of their respect. After the repast a jolly afternoon was spent on the lawn.

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The Versailles public school is one of the best equipped colored schools in a city of this size. It has a faculty of six teachers, who manifest the deepest interest in the progress of the school, and have many times gone down in their own pockets at a sacrifice and brought up the rear for the welfare of the pupils. Prof. Smith is a graduate of the Normal Institute, whose works sho wlouder than words. This school has a manual training, domestic science and literary department. The success of Woolfort county among the young people is expected from the walls of this institution.

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This seems to be the banner year at Versailles, and they are making large preparation to entertain the largest gathering of people that has ever assembled in the history of the fair county.. The signs o fthe Versailles Colored Fair will be placed in every county in the state. Many new attractions have been contracted for. August 22-24 will be the homecoming of the Kentuckians in Versailles, and every possible means will be there to entertain you.

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Mrs. D. R. Hickman, who is president of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Lexington district, was the hostess of the re-organization of this society in Versailles.

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The Versailles Baptist church, calls the attention of members and friends to a bank note for $150 that must be paid. The second Sunday in May is the date fixed to raise this sum. Rev. R. B. Butler, the pastor and the deacons are making a hard struggle to redeem this note and ask the co-operation of all to help them.

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Miss Emma Bennett, one of Versailles' most popular young ladies who is engaged in educational work, is a teacher in the public school of the city and is organist at the A. M. E. church. She is one of those young ladies whose disposition is never handicapped. Miss Bennett possesses those progressive characteristics of a modest Christian young lady and is ever on the alert to do omething for the betterment of her people.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Childs, of this city, have a fine young daughter, whose name is Miss Mary Childs.

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Miss Helen Berry, a popular member of the Capital Social Club "Misses," and Mr. William Covington, of Lexington, were happily united in wedlock at the residence of the bride. Many of her friends were present and gave her some very handsome gifts.

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Miss Delma Greenup has returned from Cincinnati, where she has been the guest of her mother for a few weeks.

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Mrs. Martha Washington arrived from Cincinnati after a few weeks' visit with her daughter.

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Mr. Geo. Deayer left for Cincinnati to spend a few days.

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Miss Mattie Miller arrived in the city to be the guest of Miss Charity Boyd. Miss Miller is a music teacher at Jacksonville, Fla., at the Edward Waters college. Miss Boyd holds a similar position at the Clinton street high school. Miss Miller is receiving some of Kentucky's royal hospitality, and many receptions are being held in her honor.

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Mrs. Maggie Thomas and daughter, Miss Annie M. Thomas, of Bridgeport, were the guests of Miss Lucy Tyler, of this city, for a few days.

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Miss Ruth Taylor has been very ill with lagrippe at her sister's residence on Elm avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Campbell, of Lawrenceburg, were guests of the city.

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Mrs. Lizzie Taylor, of Midway, was the guest of Miss Carrie Porter.

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Prof. J. Moberly spent a day in Richmond on business.

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Rev. T. L. Ballou, of Georgetown, spent a few hours in the city en route from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been holding revival for Dr. Bushell at the First Baptist church.

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Prof. H. C. McKee and members of the school board of the Clinton street high school, visited this institution and found the work all progressing. Miss Salina Mayo, a teacher of the domestic science department, served the boards' wives a lunch. The inspection, which included a visit to see all the grades to note the progress of the pupils in the various branches of study, was entirely satifactory and the various exhibition of the work, notably the drawing and painting, received highest commendation. The sewing class came in for their share of praise for the work on exhibition. The domestic class, which is under Miss Mayo's direction, is conducted under the best methods and is composed of more than forty pupils. The dinner which was served in courses, gave ample and satisfactory testimony of the thoroughness of the instruction. The menu consisted of bouillon, olives, bread and butter sandwiches, mignon fillets of beef with sauce (figare), string beans, potatoes, apples, mushrooms and peas in thimbles, hot biscuits, tomato salad, du Barry style wafers, London Sherry, walnut cake, and coffee. Those who were present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. H. V. McChesney, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoge, Prof. and Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Hurbert Vreeland and Mr. and Mrs. Con Collins.—"Frankfort News Journal."

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Prof. Wm. Mayo, after a successful year, was re-elected as principal of the Clinton street high school, a position which he has been re-elected to for over thirty years. This is the result of good work.

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Mr. Edward Hayden, of this city, was the guest of Miss Sadie Robinson, of Lawrenceburg.

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The Capital Social baseball team, of this city, played the Lexington Hustlers Sunday in a tight struggle. Lexington barely won the game. They will play the return game on May 19.

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Mr. Ernest Baily, arrived in the city from Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Baily is a porter for the Pullman Car Company.

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Rev. Samuel Corfort, of Cambridge, Mass., who is making a tour through the South studying the condition of his people, visited the Clinton street high school and thoroughly examined the various departments and found conditions exceptionally good here among colored schools. Rev. Comfort visited the Normal Institute and delivered an address in the chapel, and afterwards proceeded to the various departments of the institution. He was escorted to the farm and dairy departments and extended many compliments on their cleanness.

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Mrs. Clara Steward and daughter have left for Franklin, Ind.

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Miss Laura Allen, one of Lawrenceburg's most popular sweet and sedate young ladies, gave a swell reception in honor of Mr. Hardin Tolbert while in the city. Miss Allen used the most artistic taste in decorating the rooms of her cozy residence. Miss Allen has an extraordinily sweet disposition. She is a member of the Women's Improvement Club, the Baptist church and choir, and is engaged in all work that pertains to the upbuilding of our people. A five-course luncheon was served. Those present were: Mrs. Victor Allen, Wallace Coleman and Martin, Misses Sophia Brown, Frankie Grayson, Liza Grayson, Master Chas. Coleman. A most sumptuous time was enjoyed.

AT THE UNION, INDIANAPOLIS.

Wilson and Marlowe.

The team of Wilson and Marlowe offers a refreshing number, dancing, singing and talking; and in their own usual unique way. Wilson makes a hit in his ragtime songs, "Cavallera Rusticana," "The Ragtime Ball." The plantation ditty, "Dad's Birthday," is a little piece of musical comedy by the team, featuring an old-time Negro and a joyously happy little "pick." Wilson is a capable actor, doing his various parts with equal care. He is strictly Wilson and no one else. This is shown in his almost eccentric oddities throughout the act.

Miss Marlowe is a superb little miss who, with her winning smiles and grace, will work her way into the hearts of her audiences. She has a beautiful voice which she uses effectively. She is very young and ambitious. She will not pass her opportunity up to become a shining light of the stage. She is abundantly blessed with good looks—a tonic to look on. She moves prettily; talks so that you know what she is saying. She sings "Way Down South" in a taking way. She supports her partner nicely in their running talks. Her ways are strictly professional, although she has been on the stage but a few years. Her most notable engagement was with Billy Johnson's combination of a year or so ago, "From Jungles to Society." The offering is well received by the audience.

May McCray.

May McCray hails from the golden West, and full of the ozone—zest of the western plains. She offers a singing and dancing act that starts up with vim and without a let down place until the curtain rings down.

Miss McCray is a young woman; born in Spokane, Wash.; reared in Moscow, Idaho. She was formerly of the three dancing Mitchells, who made quite a reputation. She was then a pick. She is fitted for the pick class owing to her small size. However, she has graduated from that class and may never return to it. She made good while she was there. Her singing has that childlike freshness which is always so pleasing. Her voice is good; can be clearly heard in all parts of the house. She is light on her feet. Taking her all in all, she gives a very pleasing number. Her songs, "Arizona Mary," "Daddy," and "Gee, But I Like Music With My Meals."

Miss McCray is doing single at this time. She has done the Orpheum circuit and other big time work. She is a fascinating soubret, winsome, attractive, and makes good as a single.

LOST RELATION.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winn would like to know the whereabouts of their son, John G. Taylor, or Winn. He was once a student at Quindaro, Kans., in 1900; Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., 1901. When last heard of was in Newport, Ark., 1905. Any one giving a correct statement of his whereabouts will be rewarded. Address 2331 Twenty-third avenue, Oakland, Cal. May 4.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—May 13, two weeks, New York City.
SALEM T. WHITNEY, IN "SOUTHERN SMART SET"—Stratford, Ont., Can., May 13; Owen Sound, 14; Guelph, 15; Collinford, 16.
PROF. P. G. LOWERY AND CO., WITH WALLACE-HAGENBECK CIRCUS—Canton, O., May 13; Newcastle, Pa., 14; Youngstown, O., 15; Ashtabula, 16; Erie, Pa., 17; Dunkirk, N. Y., 18.
PROF. ROY POPE AND CO., WITH RINGLING BROS.' CIRCUS—Cleveland, O., May 13; Wellsville, 14; Wheeling, W. Va., 15; Fairmont, 16; Uniontown, Pa., 17; Charleroi, 18.
SIMMS & THOMPSON—Howard Theater, Boston, Mass., week of May 13.
BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Grand Opera House, New York City, week of May 13.
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE BAND, ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB—Birmingham, Ala., May 13; Montgomery, 14.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

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Benson, Otis
Boston, Shepard
The Bruces
The Clippers
Cloridge, W. L.
DeLeo, B. F.
Dakes, Joe
Day, Geo.
Dumas, H.
Gaston & Overton
Goodloe, John
Fields, Henry
Elliott, E. J.
Gray, Prof. J. A.
Graham, P. G.
Hull, D. R.
Hoy, H. (telegram)
Hunt, Hi Henry
Hughes, Atrus
Herndon, C. L.
Hull, Dan
Hargrove, Fred
Jines, Henry
Johnson, W. M.
Kersand, Billy
Legge and Legge
Kraton, Harry.
Lemley, Wesley
Mores, J. Francis
Pitt & Wescott
Perkins, Daniel
Parker, Alex N.
Puggsley, R. C.
Riley, George
Russell, Bob
Russell, Joe
Reed, Walter
Simmons, Cres
Singleton, J. C.
Scotte, J. C.
Sutton, H. J.
Smith, James
Singleton, J. C.
Stewart, Richard.
Trigg, Will
Thomas, Kid.
Thomas, William
Tansel, Frank
Thomas, W.
Wise, Hen.
Wallburg, Hamdy.
Waldon, O. W.
Williams, T. C.
Wallburg, J.
Young, James B.
Williams, Alonzo
Williams, Geo. A.
Woods, John

Ladies' List.

Brown, Miss Lillian
Bostwick, Mrs. M.
Crampton, Mrs. Pauline
Glover, Miss Mattie
Harrison, Miss E.,
Johnson, Miss Susie
Marion, Miss Glenn
Moore, Miss Lulu
Moore, Miss Mazie
Moore, Mre. Eva,
Singleton, Baby Doll
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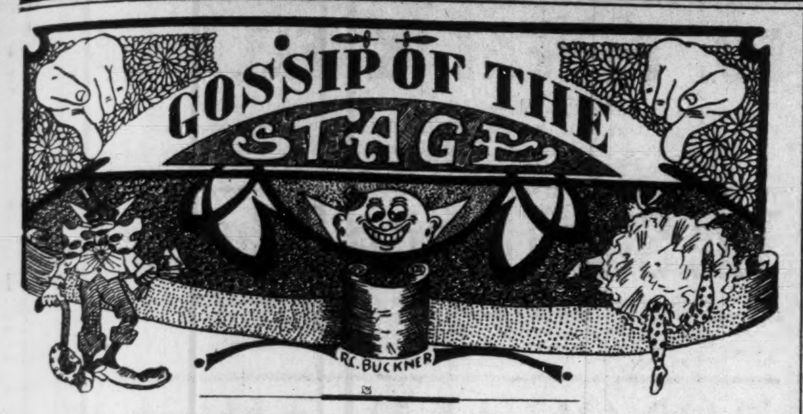

The Chamberlin and Clark Shows are touring Mississippi.

Celebrated Leon doing nicely at the Monogram theater, Chicago, this week. A laugh from start to finish.

Tim Owsley, manager of the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, was in Chicago this week, in the interest of his house.

Thornton and Long closed with the Oriental Stock Company and opened at the Lyric theater, Newport News, Va., Monday, May 6.

Crumbley, Davis and Bailey, C. Hannibal Coffey, the La Meros, and Liston and Liston are at the Howard, Washington, D. C.

Sydney Kirke, of the Georgia minstrels, is at home in Indianapolis, visiting relatives and friends. He is one of the leading tenor singers of the race.

A. E. Pruitt, cornet player formerly with the Dandy Dixie, has joined the Florence orchestra. Freeman on sale at Manhattan Pressing Club, Florence, Ala.

Mullins and Withers are at the Circle Theater, Philadelphia, and have two weeks. Everything nice; nice house, nice bill, nice manager. Headlining and making good.

After four years' success in vaudeville through the South, Hi Jerry Barnes has joined out with Chamberlin and Clark's Alabama minstrels. He has improved his act very much.

The Jolly Hendersons now filling ten weeks' engagement over the Southern circuit. Have already put in longer time than they expected. Couldn't get away from the managers.

The Union Theater, Indianapolis, promises to give its patrons a good run for their money. The managers now are well-known colored men of the citv. They know how to whoop up things.

McDaniels and McDaniels, Gertrude and Nance, have just closed four successful weeks at the Little Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn. Will play a return date at the Imperial theater, Jackson, Tenn., on May 15.

Clarence Cameron White, violinist, and Harry Thacker Burleigh, baritone, the foremost Negro artists, will appear in a recital at Cambridge, Mass., Monday evening, May 13. J. Shelton Pollen and Mrs. L. White at the piano.

John Hayward and Arthur Wright after closing a successful season with Richard and Pringle's shows, has joined P. G. Lowery's annex band with Wallace and Hagenbeck show. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

The Woodens, bicycle and unicycle experts, are now playing the southern time. They are making a tremendous hit through the South. Played Central theater in Atlanta, Star theater, Tampa, Fla., now at Globe theater, Jacksonville, Fla. Was booked for one week, but made such a hit that Mr. Crowd engaged them for another week.

NOTES FROM THE STAR THEATER, COLUMBUS, GA.

The patrons of the Star theater were favored with another strong bill last week. Mr. Walter Brogsdale closing his second weeks' engagement, as did Mr. Dink Stewart and Miss Willie Whistnant. This was Mr. Billy Bradley's first week and first apeparance in this city and his droll comicalities took like wildfire. Mr. Henry Jones is still pleasing the audiences. Bradley and Jones are the holdovers from last week to whom are the added new faces of Miss Beatrice Drake and Pugh and Pugh for next week. Pugh and Pugh come to us heralded as one of the best sketch teams on the road, and Miss Drake is well known as a most charming soubrette possessing a voice of rare strength and range. Much improvement will be made in the pitch of the theater floor this week giving a drop of sixteen inches to the front, adding much to the view of the stage. The warm weather has also forced the addition of several more fans, to the delight of the large audiences that greet us nightly.

NEW CROWN GARDEN OPEN FOR THIRD WEEK OF SUCCESS.

Nothing seems to stand in the way of the Crown Garden. The old saying is true: If you deal on the square with the people you will achieve success. Manager Tim Owsley is known to all to be a man of square dealings. The show offered this week was as the others have been—good—with a slight exception, but so slight that it was soon forgotten by all. The evening's entertainment opens with a riot act.

Green, Pugh and Green.

That Mysterious Trio was beyond a doubt the best three people act seen here in a long time. The trio consists of two men and a woman. Each song sung by the trio proved a hit. The comedian did some clever comedy, and he knew how to sing and dance. The female member of the trio was full of ginger at all times. The straight character man sang a pleasing song. The Green, Pugh and Green Trio closed their act with that popular song hit, "Everybody's Doin' It," and, believe me, they put this song on in a different way than it has ever been seen in Indianapolis. In fact, their closing was a startling hit. They were forced to take three encores and a number of bows.

The Abyssinia Duo

Has fully proven to the public that real good singing is and always will be appreciated by lovers of good music. Their personal appearance lends to the sweetness of their voice. There was a time when it was said that classy music would not be appreciated by patrons of colored houses, but the Abyssinia Duo has proven that sweet songs, sang by those who have sweet voices, will please everybody.

Bonny and Freeman.

The same as ever. Clever and good. Their wardrobe was excellent. Miss Freeman has lost none of that old-time sweetness in her voice, nor has her personal appearance changed. She is still the same good looking soubrette. Mr. Bonny is still that clever, clean face comedian. Mr. Bonny told me after the show that he was only playing a few houses while out West. He sails for Europe within two months.

Elvira Johnson

Proved herself to be to the Crown Garden patrons what her white sister actress, Eva Tanguay, is to the leading white vaudeville circuits of America. The ovation she received when she appeared shows that she is and always will be an Indianapolis favorite. Her song, "Brown Skin," brought the house down. Miss Johnson is admired by men, women and children. She could have given the entire show by herself, as far as the audience was concerned, and we hope she will be with us more than a week. Miss Johnson can sing "Brown Skin" all the time for me. She sang three other songs in her act. Each one brought several encores.

The Four London Smokes.

It was all a mistake, I suppose. The young man who danced was all of the act. We want good things in Indianapolis, and that's what Manager Tim says we shall have. But I guess the booking agent made a mistake. This act couldn't have "went" in Chicago. It is the slight exception I spoke of in the first part of this review. Outside of the "Smoke" act the audience saw clearly, and I know packed houses will be all week at the Crown, the house of good shows. I have been told by several actors who know Manager Tim Owsley personally, that whatever Tim Owsley handles is a go and on the square. Indianapolis needs such men as Tim, no matter who his employers are.

K. C. E.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Tuskegee Band—The Pekin.

An excellent one hour's entertainment is the offering at the Pekin this week. The managmnt secures the very best moving picture films, which give general satisfaction, both at the matinee and night shows. The added attraction at the evening performances are Miss Lucy Shepherd, our local facorite, whose singing of popular ballads and catchy rags have placed her in the front rank as an entertainer. She succeeds in featuring a new song every week that scores a knockout. Her latest one, right off the wire, is "I Would Like To Try It, But I Am Just a Little Afraid." She was compelled to respond to several encores at every performance. Edw. F. Peat and Ella Hayes are the new team on the bill with a very strong turn. They were both strangers to the Pekin bunch, but it did not take them long to gain popular favor. The act consists of singing and dancink and a funny line of street talk. Miss Hayes has a sweet voice, and she sang a very catchy song full of music, entitled "You Will Miss Your Little Baby, Bye and Bye." Mr. Peat proved to be one of those eccentric comedians who knows how to do the right thing at the right time, which gave general satisfaction to his audience. He also has a clever singing number.

Notes.

Miss Bessie Hocker continues to attract special attention at the matinees.

The Tuskegee Institute Band of fifty pieces played to the largest gathering of colored people ever assembled for a similar entertainment in this city. It is claimed that four thousand persons were admitted in Music Hall, April 30. An excellent program was rendered. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Douglass School, for the benefit of the Frederick Douglass School fund. Captain Clark Smith was the recipient of many congratulations for his excellent school band.

RUBY THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

By Jas. H. Price.

On last Monday night, despite the fact that Jupiter Pluvius reigned supreme, the Ruby Theater blazed forth in all its glory, and a vast throng greeted the opening. After a few introductory remarks by Manager Joplin, who was resplendent in a gorgeous uniform with gold trimmings, the flashlight was taken off the audience and the show was on. The headliners for the week is the Carolina Four, and they get the grapes from the beginning. The chorus numbers are excellently rendered, taking six encores on "The Monkey Rag." The comedy in this act is great, particularly F. Davis in a wench character. The dancing is superb, and it is with difficulty that they finally succeed in leaving the stage. Billy Caldwell opened the show and got by nicely with his monologue, closing with an eccentric song and dance entitled "Slick Headed Coon." Sanders and Marshall, billed as polished entertainers, are fair. Their feature song, "I Am a Do-Right Womwas highly appreciated. The general public appreciates this venture, as is applause, and the dancing of Sanders an," by Miss Marshall, wins her much shown by their liberal patronage, and we sincerely hope for the continued success and prosperity of same.

THE UNION THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

The Union Theater is now being managed by a company of colored men, among whom are Chas. W. Brown, W. H. Jackson, Ernest Tiderington and Geo. P. Stewart. These individuals are well known in the community. They are in responsible positions and have influence, all of which should make good for the beautiful new playhouse. The management promises the best attractions that can be secured, and the most courteous treatment to all patrons.

To insure a large and continued patronage shares of the stock are being offered on the market. These are being readily bought, thus assuring popular interest in the house, which means success.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

The Negro Race and the Colored Theater Problem—The Future of the Pekin Theater—The Motts Litigation and the Motts Memorial Statue Benefit Inquiry.

One glimpse at the present situation, to say nothing of the future, tells un conclusively that people have no special preference of color regarding places of amusement or performers. White people went to a colored man's theater and the colored man hired white performers to act upon his stage and a mixed race of people went to see the show, but mostly all colored people, because of the theater being located in a colored district. When a new theater was erected by white men in the same colored district, the colored people flocked to the white man's theater. It was a new temple of amusement built as a commercial enterprise in a district where the Negro race, in population, is a factor either in the success of failure of the house. The question as to who owns a theater cuts no figure with the masses of any race. What people wanted was good accommodations, a good show for their money and a reliable policy of admission from a source that would not juggle with the prices. This they have succeeded in getting at the new Grand theater, where people can also sit where they please and where the color lines are obliterated. The question of playing all colored permormers at the new Grand is rendered impossible because of the lack of supply and novelty producers among them; but to retain the patronage of the Negro race it has been found, and it is necessary, to play one or as many colored acts as possible. The Monogram, which is a small picture house, is supplied almost exclusively by colored performers. These are days when the settlement of the lower district is being deserted and the colored population is emigrating south. The rumor that another theater is to be erected at State and Thirty-fifth streets, and that the Merit picture theater's drawing capacity equals Thirty-first street, brings the future of Motts' Pekin theater up to a problem. The recent announcement that the theater is to be sold has no foundation. It was an afterclap of the Motts litigation. When the family suit began, the property of Robert T. Motts, including the mortgages, was estimated at $70,000. The ignoring of Mrs. Jackson by the other heirs was a fatal movement, which caused the lawsuit. After the suit was filed, the mortgagees got frightened and foreclosed, and with other creditors the Motts fortune has dwindled down to nothing but a bar room and the interior decorations of the theater. Mr. Motts had already signed his theater over to his youngest half-sister, Miss Lindsay, who now owns it, and no test suit will affect it. But the private residence in which she now lives has been swept away in the cyclone of mortgages, which ate up the Motts fortune and she now pays rent to live in the house. Edward D. Green, the politician, now rents the Pekin out in the interest of Miss Lindsay and Dan Jackson, the undertaker, who is said to be engaged to Miss Lindsay, and is an interested party in the monopoly. Mr. Green now manages the theater by hiring it out at $50 a night, and that seems to be the only available way in which to make the house pay. If we are to speak of the Pekin as a colored theater alliance house, its doom is sealed. It is too small for combinations. It could possibly be run as a vaudeville and picture house, if properly managed and I know of only one colored man in Chicago who could manage it and that man is Charles Gardner, formerly stage manager and electrician at the Bush Temple theater, and he is a man who could manage any house on State street. There had been some talk of white managers who had an option on leasing the Pekin theater, Henry B. Miller, proprietor of the Monogram, being among them. While the general opinion is that the Pekin is now too far below the business belt and thoroughfare of the Stroll, its memory remains near and dear to the hearts of its erstwhile patrons. But the Pekin could in no way compete with a modern theater now, unless it were gutted and rebuilt, and then its success below the belt line would be a question.

As a final benediction to the Motts Memorial, which was given to raise funds to place a bronze statue of Mr. Motts in the lobby of the Pekin theater, I am loth to say that people who paid one dollar a piece for admission to the performance are expecting some public disposition to be made of the remaining one hundred and twenty dollars. Henry (Teman) Jones, the exempted president of the fund, should cause or advise Dan Jackson, the treasurer, to either turn the money over to the heirs or pay it to Mr. Jones (himself) who is said to be a Motts creditor. It is safe to say there may never be a statue or need for one. When I called for a report of the fund, Sam Corker, after submitting a report, had been ill advised and I was compelled to engage in a fist fight with him in front of the Jackson undertaking establishment, where we were parted by the late Emanuel Jackson. This encounter recalls the fact that Mr. Corker had twice been humiliated by having to convey an apology with an indemnity to your correspondent, both for Robert A. Cole and Robert T. Motts, for insults which they afterward regretted. Because I was also deliberately insulted after giving my services free to sing for the benefit, I take this privilege of incitation by public inquiry.

The Bill of Fare at the New Grand.

Space will not permit comment on performers this week. Frantz Caesar and company, Mabel Elaine, Ned Burton and company, Reynolds and King, with an imitation burlesque on Bert Williams that was good, and the Alpha Sextette, vocally fine and artistically clever, completed the bill. The bill for the last half had Lottie Grady, Grace Thompson, Sandios brothers, Emily Green and company, Harry C. Lyons, a good imitator, and Williams and Wolf, who made a distinct hit. The drollery of the comedian was rich and classy and full of humor galore in season.

New Pictures at the Phoenix.

"The Battle of Crecy," "Boss of the Lumber Camp" and the illustrated song, "As the Years Roll On," were the features on Monday night. The matinees continue popular.

The Bill of Fare at the Monogram.

The bill at the Monogram includes the Golden Gate Trio, Winfred, Balese and Martin, Ada Banks, Camper Trio and "Leon," a magician. In receiving affronts from actors and musicians I may as well say that I am not on State street as an accommodation to help such people unless I feel so disposed to do so. I write for the benefit of the public. I make my living as a business man advertising business men. Actors don't support me at all. The money I get from actors I give away to feed some of them when they are hungry. I am going to be a little stiff hereafter. People get too cheap when they are ignorant, especially when you praise them. I waited to interview "Leon" at his own request and waited like a dunce while he allowed himself to be smuggled away by other people or perhaps he is not old enough to have a mortgage on himself. I may comment on his work later and perhaps not. Will Dorsey, who has been very ill, is back at his post, rather feeble at this writing. Mrs. Harrison, the pianist, gave good music as Dorsey's assistant.

New Photo Plays at the Merit.

Monday evening at this house had "Saved By a Cat," and "The Scar," which drew immense audiences.

The Great Lakes Lodge, No. 43, I. B. P. O. E. W.

The tenth annual ball of the Great Lakes Lodge will be given Monday, May 20, 1912, at Central hall, Twenty-second street and Wabash avenue. The committee of arrangements having found it impossible to secure any other hall with conveniences required for their many patrons. The committee desires to assure the public that the same uniform and courteous attention to details and to the comfort of their patrons, which has characterized their previous entertainments, will, if anything, be surpassed on this occasion.

Chicago Stateg Notes.

The Pekin buffet is closed. Professional people should address their mail to the William Foster Music Company, 3025 State street.

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Mrs. Tom McIntosh is to take a business trip to New York during the week, but will return to Chicago immediately to resume her vaudeville work.

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T. J. Sadler, the singer, who was formerly with the original Abbysinia company, is doing the city for a fortnight, meeting his old professional friends.

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The White Rose theater will probably be the name of the new picture theater being erected at Thirty-fifth and State streets. Charles H. Moore, formerly secretary of the C. V. B. A., will be manager.

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The Star Quartette, consisting of Sidney Kirkpatrick, George Day, Whitney Viney and Jack Johnson, former members of the Georgia minstrels, will open over the Butterfield time May 13th.

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Miss Wilhelmine B. Tate, sister of Frank and George Tate, the musicians, who is a clerk in the treasury department, at Washington, D. C., visited her brothers at 3224 Forest avenue, last week and is now in New York, finishing her vacation.

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William Brown, trap drummer of Richards and Pringles' Georgia minstrels, goes out with "Old Cross Roads," a white company, in a few days. Walter Lee is also in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Craig, of 3608 Forest avenue, during Mr. Powell's engagement at the Monogram. Mr. Powell was to open this week at Hammerstein's, New York City, but could not make the jump in time, so the date has been set back.

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The resignation of Anthony D. Byrd, as president of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association of New York, was perhaps a wise move on the part of Mr. Byrd, in the face of opposition and his resignation should be accepted without contention. It can be said, however, that Mr. Byrd gave faithful service and his labor will be rewarded.

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The Netherwood has opened under new management with a cafe and dining room up and down stairs, and everything will soon be in apple pie order. The upper part of the building is about the handsomest in the city. The new proprietors, Messrs. Kelley and Miggett, are both colored gentlemen from the West Side, and both individually popular.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

When a man is slow to anger,
People think he's just a fool,
Or if he has a forgiving spirit,
That he's a scapegoat out of school;
But let me tell to whom I can:
Don't kindle fire with smoky fuel!
For happiness to every man,
Is centered in the Golden Rule.
—Sylvester Russell.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NOTES.

By Billy E. Jones.

Henderson and Thomas are at the Delancey Theater, New York City, this week.

Coates and Jefferies are at the Pavilion, Barre, Vt.

Brown and Nevarro are at the Orpheum Theater, Lincoln, Neb.

Miller and Lyles are at Shea's Theater, Buffalo, N. Y.

Simms and Thompson are at the Colonial Theater, Nashua, N. H.

Carita Day is at the Majestic Theater, East St. Louis, Mo.

The Fifteen Africanders are at the Keystone Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fiddler and Shelton are this week at the Orpheum Theater, St. Paul, Minn.

Brown and Lawson are scoring a big success on Fox's time. This week thev are playing at the Grand Theater, New Haven, Conn.

The Smart Set Company, with S. H. Dudley, will appear at Hurtig & Seaman's 125th-street house for two weeks, commeneceing May 13.

The Black Patti Musical Comedy Company appeared at the Lyceum Theater, Paterson, N. J., and scored one of the biggest hits of any show there this season, according to press reports.

Julius Glenn, comedian with the Patti show this season, is scoring a big hit as Hamilton Hogg, and he creates no end of laughter. His wit and humor seem to capture the audience completely. His song hits, "Plant a Watermelon on My Grave" and "Don't Let the Same Bee Sting You Twice," are more applause winners for this comedian. He will be with the above named show next season.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

The Arntes are at Pittsburg for the next two weeks.

A new house will open up soon at Durham, N. C. John A. McCall will be proprietor.

Wilson and Dewey, the "Bandman and His Band," week of May 6, at Fox theater, Aurora, Ill.

Campbell and Campbell, J. H. and Edna are now in their fourth week at the Majestic theatre, Wilmington, N. C., and are doing fine.

Brooks and Wilson, juggling acrobats. Savoy theater, Thirty-fourth street, 6. 7 and 8. Broadway theater, Long Branch, N. J., 9, 10 and 11.

Pugh and Pugh have just closed a three weeks' engagement at the Douglas theater, Macon, Ga., and are enroute to Wilmington, N. C.

McNeil and McNeil are at the Rex theater, Winston-Salem, N. C. Just closed a successful engagement at Dixie theater, Charlotte, N. C.

The Russels, Joe and Armanda, appeared at the Majestic theatre the week of April 29th, at Regina, Sask. The week of May 6th they appear at the Grand Opera House, Devil Lake, N. D.

Jake Fiddler's wife is being very much troubled with tonsilitis. She is with him, and, of course, subject to change of doctors in every city. Fiddler is of Shelton and Fiddler. In Omaha last week.

The great DeWayman Niles is the feature attraction with McCabe's Greater Georgia Troubadours. He joined the show at Sutton, Neb., April 27, after a four months' vacation at his home in St. Louis.

The two Weavers, Eula Mae and J. J., closed their engagement at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., on the 5th, after four successful weeks. They open at the Pekin Theater, Savannah, Ga., on the 6th.

Wilson and Dewey are in their fourth week over the Western vaudeville time. They are booked up to June 1. Week of April 29, Galesburg, Ill., Gayety Theater; week of May 6, Elgin, Ill., Grand Theater.

W. S. Levard, manager of Levard's Dandy Dixie Minstrels, was in Indianapolis last Monday. He showed at Greenfield, Ind. He expects to open at the Union Theater, Indianapolis, in the near future.

There is also a theatrical problem. The acts want continuous employment; the managers want to pay salaries that will mean profit for them. Actors and managers will have to get together and talk it over. If the colored people find themselves forced together socially, they should take advantage of it by pushing their own concerns. The Dudley proposition is a right proposition, whether he wins or loses. Continuous work at living wages is it.

The Carter Trio, Paul, Ruth and Nettie, after playing Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisvilel and Lexington, over Doyle's time, will open at the Queen Theater, Wilmington, N. C., the week of April 29, for four weeks. Paul says: "'Seen and Heard While Passing,' by S. T. Whitney, in The Freeman, which we get every week, are the most interesting sayings we have ever read. Unless he had the public at heart he could not say such interesting things. Keep it up, Tutt."

Mr. Will H. Brown and wife, Oma Crosby Brown, closed with the "My Friend from Dixie" Company in Chicago, and are recuperating at their country place in Peru, Ind., the guests of Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Anna Patterson, prior to their opening in vaudeville for the summer, the act being already booked. Mr. Brown was compelled to refuse many flattering offers from Chicago agents for his act, owing to the ill health of his wife, but we are glad to know that Mrs. Brown is improving, and these two clever artists will soon be seen in the leading vaudeville houses throughout the country.

Salaries that shut up houses may sound all right, but the open door is the hope. It must be remembered that new players are butting in every day. The supply exceeds the demand. Then what? Why, prices tumble, that's what. Managers are not to blame. Get together and formulate a live and let live policy. This king to-day and pauper to-morrow business is "mighty po'" business. Negro houses should make up circuits and run the players over those circuits and at salaries that permit the circuits to hold up from year to year. If not, the colored performers will not know very much about what they are doing.

The Star Theater, Columbus, Ga., reports a strong bill and successful business for last week. The bill was headed by Mr. Walter Brogsdale, who certainly made good with the large audiences. The Whistnants, Willie and Fred, closed a very successful week's engagement, which might have lasted longer but for a separation of the team; but that had little or no effect upon their work for the remainder of the week. Henry Jones, a comedian of some note, is fast forging to the front ranks. He responded to two and three encores nightly, with his droll monologues and his very catchy song, "Mandy." Mr. Dink Stewart played his second engagement at this theater within the past four weeks, and again pleased his audiences. Miss Iola Morris closed after two weeks' success. Next week's bill is also a strong one: Walter Brogsdale, Billy Bradley, Miss Beatrice Drake, Miss Willie Whistnant and Henry Jones. Riley and Riley contracted for next week, but for some reason are unable to fill their engagement. All send regards to the profession. The Freeman is a welcome weekly visitor at this theater.

FROM LEROY BLAND—MY CARD OF THANKS.

To Mr. W. Dorsey, pianist at the Monogram, and Mr. Irvine Miller, of the team of Miller and Harris, who made my benefit a reality, not mere words: I wish to thank them; also Mr. Miller, proprietor of the Monogram, and Mr. Klein, manager, for donating the house, free of charge, to my cause. Also, I tender thanks to those noble performers, brothers and sisteres, for contributing their presence for a brother who is really in need; and last, but not least, to the tender-hearted public, who so grandly came forward to help one of God's unfortunates. All I can say is, God bless every one who came to the Monogram that night; also, bless the performers who assisted; and to the loyal hearts, namely, Miller, Dorsey, Miller and Klein, I tender my humble thanks.

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NOTES FROM 101 RANCH REAL WILD WEST, PLACERVILLE, CAL.

We are still moving along nicely now that we are in our seventh week of our success since the opening day. Every stand has almost been a turnaway and the consensus of opinion is that Prof. H. L. Rawles' Annex Band is the candy. The big top band and the cowboys and cowgirls attend every concert, and the applause is enough to turn the head of an ordinary man, but Prof. Rawles is pretty evenly balanced, and besides he has the knack of getting together a pretty nifty bunch of musicians when he has half a chance, and this is one of the times he has outdone himself. He certainly has a talented, as well as an intelligent and friendly bunch. Just like a big family. The roster is as follows: Band—H. L. Rawles, manager and conductor, solo Bb cornet; Ed. Farrell, cornet; L. K. Baker, cornet; M. H. Miston, clarinet; Alex Parker solo alto; S. F. Ford, alto; W. F. Washington, first trombone; W. N. Nash, second trombone; R. W. Johnson, baritone; James Mitchell, tuba; J. L. Holmes, snare drum; D. A. Jackson, bass drum. Minstrels—tambos, Nash and Jackson; bones, Ford and Holmes; stage manager, S. F. Ford; interlocutor, H. L. Rawles. Everybody is well and happy, and have only words of praise for the genial managers of the great 101 Ranch, and are especially fond of the side show manager, Mr. Geo. V. Connor and his amiable wife, who is ever ready to come to the relief of the sick or afflicted, regardless of race or condition, and Prof. Allen, our inside manager and lecturer, is also praised by all for his good natured style of handling the inside. We were all very happy to see the dear old Freeman and the bunch have done nothing but talk on the topics so ably discussed by the "old reliable" Freeman. All join me in regards to all friends in and out of the profession. You will hear from us every week now.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE BAND ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB IN INDIANAPOLIS. PERFORMANCE RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

The music-loving people of this community had been looking forward to that eventful date, May 3, when the Tuskegee musical organization would make its appearance. The reputation of the aggregation and its triumphs in various cities were already known, consequently all were on the tiptoe of expectation.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock, May 3, the organization reached Indianapolis. On its march to its destination it lined up in front of the Indianapolis News office, the Star office and the Sun office, the three dailies of this city. In a short while, at either place, a crowd of listeners surged around, showing pleasure at the playing by generous applause. At the News office the band struck up Dixie, a tune naturally full of vim. The many pieces (instruments) added to the lively air and the street responded. A medley of national airs was also put on. "Miss Trombone," where the trombones did splendid work and other pieces were done on the street, including some well known "darkey" airs. The bandmaster, N. Clarke Smith in his direction for graceful movements, will stand up with the best in the country. He has not the gyrations ond genuflections, gesticulations rampant, noted of come of the more famous directors. His street work was poetically beautiful, and at the hall at times he was superb. Nothing seemed exaggerated, everything seemed right.

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The spacious Tomlinson hall was fairly tested in its capacity—a more delightful, interesting appreciative audience no band of colored people has ever played to. The occasion was great enough for all. And then it was the famous Tuskegee band. What did Booker T.'s school have to offer for "our edification?" It had a plenty. The boys came on with their various instruments, about a half a hundred of them neatly attired in dark coats and white duck trousers. They took their places. Bandmaster Smith took his place in front, raised his baton and the grand concert was on.

The program was as follows and without variation:

1. March—
   "The Tuskegee Institute"....Smith
2. Overture—
   "Poet and Peasant"......Von Suppe
3. Fantasia—
   "Steal Away to Jesus".......Smith
4. Meditation—
   "Last Hope" ....Gottschalk
5. Songs—
   "Babe, I'm Learning to Love You" ....Smith
   Labor Song—"You'll Git There Bye an Bye." Accompanied by Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club.
6. Humorous—
   "I'm Afraid to Come Home in the Dark" ....Lampe
   (What happened to a wayward husband.)

INTERMISSION.

7. Melodies—
   Saxophone Quartette and Glee Club ....Forty Voices
   a "The Tuskegee Song"........ ....Dunbar-Smith
   b "Don't Let Nobody Turn You 'Roun."
   c "That Mighty Day."
8. Ethiopian Melody—
   "Dat Johnson Two-Step".....Smith
   Copies of second edition for sale.
9. Overture—
   "William Tell' ....Rossini
10. Waltzes—
    "The Colored Prima Donna"..Smith
11. Characteristic—
    "Rustic of Spring"........Sineign

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The program was worthy throughout. Some of the numbers were more heavily applauded than others, showing an improved taste for music or appreciation of the skill and ability of the performers. The "Poet and Peasant" perhaps the most classical selection rendered, was almost uproariously received. Some of this was due to the really fine conducting of bandmaster Smith, and also to the happy arrangement of parts, the splendid movements: then the forte, fortissimo, piano, pianissimo and the various other musical expressions. "Steal Away to Jesus," was an arrangement of the well known Negro folk lore song, and one of the very best. Coleridge-Taylor treats it in his book of twenty-five African and American Negro compositions (arrangements). One is greatly reminded of the "Steal Away to Jesus" by the English Negro composer. It is strictly on the English style, heavy, somber and in keeping with the low spirited idea. Like the Colridge-Taylor composition it could stand a few brilliant places without endangering the motif of its theme. A bit of singing, une voce, and otherwise, is done in this composition adding to its originality and uniqueness. The audience was touched by this tribute to one of their common songs. It was most respectfully received.

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Bandmaster Smith showed the versatility of his band in "I'm Afraid to Come Home in the Dark" by Lampe, and also his own cleverness as a conductor. The characterization was of a fellow well in his cups on his way home; he sees things. Mr. Smith made it very plain that he saw things. It is almost beyond description to show how the music could stand for a drunken condition. A few movements by Mr. Smith, and it is at once plain to every one.

The singing by the Glee Club assisted by the Saxaphones, was amusing and was highly enjoyed.

The overture "William Tell," was another big number and it went big. This work is standard, noted for the heavy execution. But contrary to most works, of the kind, it has no notably peaceful smiling issues following the "violent" passages. It is business with vim and hurrah all the time. In "Poet and Peasant," after heavy passages, we are made to lie down in pleasant places.

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The band and Glee Club is fairly ideal. The men are young, many of whom blew their first note with Mr. Smith, yet they play on the whole as veterans. I cannot resist the temptation to say that the band should carry along with it a lady soloist, sort of a daughter of the regiment, or two of them and two men.

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Why the band does not carry soloists is hard to understand. Two women, one soprano and one alto, and two men, one tenor and one bass, and an ideal May musical festival would have resulted. I mean great singers, the women especially. Great voices trained for the songs to be sung on the tour. Voices of sufficient quality are to be found everywhere and it would have resulted in the greatest musical festival done by Negroes in the world and one of the great musical festivals of the age. This has in mind the possibilities of the soloists, as such, and as doing duets, trios, quartetts and leading the total outfit of voices. What an opportunity: but the glories of the event will not dim by what might be. Perhaps the scope of the Tuskegee plan would not permit such an innovation.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 heard the playing and were immensely pleased.

W. L.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NOTES.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Brown and Nevarro are at the Orpheum Theater, Denver, Colo.

Larkins and Pearl are at the Bijou Theater, Battle Creek, Mich.

Crates and Jeffries are scoring nicely at Plattsburg, Pa., this week.

Billy E. Jones is this week at Paterson, N. J., care of Black Patti Company.

Cook and Stevens are at the Crystal Theater, Milwaukee, Wis., this week.

Henderson and Thomas are now on Loen's time, at the Liberty Theater, New York.

The Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., is presenting good vaudeville and pictures.

Miss Alice Ramsey will introduce a new song when she plays New York with the Patti show.

The Kemps opened at the Colonial Theater, New York, Monday, and scored a big success.

The "Hottest Coon in Dixie" Company is in vaudeville this week at the Colonial Theater, Nashua, N. H.

The Meredith Sisters, one of the best colored sister teams in vaudeville, open at the Temple Theater, Detroit, Mich., scoring a big success.

Sympax & Downey, professional ladies' hair dressers, 1832 Seventh street, Washington, D. C., invite all ladies, when playing Washington, to call.

Fiddler and Shelton are returning from a second tour of the Orpheum Circuit, coming East with special crop of new songs. This week they are at the Orpheum Theater, Omaha, Neb.

The Black Patti Musical Comedy Company, who have not appeared in New York City for several seasons, will appear the week of May 13, at the Grand Opera House, headed by Mme. Sissieretta Jones, the original Black Patti. The comedy is staged with a magnificent set of scenery and brilliant costumes, and is presented in three acts, and is called "In the Jungles." Wit and humor prevail throughout the entire production. Julius Glenn is chief fun maker, and W. A. Cooke, as Sherlock Holmes, makes a strong bid for the same fame with his book on the constitution. The company is one of the best on the road this season.

THE VICTORIA FOUR AT OLIO THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

By Jas. H. Price.

The Victoria Four, in their second week in our city, hails from the East, and is strictly up to the standard. Neat, natty and nifty, voices harmonious, and chorus numbers pleasingly put over. This week the presentation is "Mr. Green from Greenville." Mr. Chas. Marrs, in the title role, is excruciatingly funny, and is kicking 'em with "Traveling Man." Miss H. Bumbray (under cork) stops the show with "That Sweet Black Man." Miss R. Wills, lithe and graceful, gets by nicely with "I Like Music with My Meals," and Mr. Earl Burton, as the straight, chirps "Germany" pleasingly. The comedy is clean and refreshing, which is decidedly to the liking of the crowded houses that greet the bunch nightly. They send regards to friends in and out of the profession.

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

By Artie.

J. Leubrie Hill's "My Friend from Dixie" is going good at the Howard, and is adding new friends to its long list of old admirers. Charles Woody, grown to be a local favorite, assumed Will Browers' role as Bill Simmons on the shortest kind of notice, and made a distinct hit. Mr. Woody is developing into one of the best straight men in the business, and his steady advancement is being watched with pleasurable interest. Miss Evon Robinson, a Washington girl, is having the chance of her life as Mr. Hill's leading lady, and has proven equal to every emergency. By diligent and conscientious effort she has established herself firmly in the front rank of musical comedy stars. Leubrie Hill, as a character artist, is in a class by himself, and deserves the great success he has achieved. He has surrounded himself by a group of sterling actors and singers, and it is hoped he can hold them intact for the other big road productions he has in mind. Sam Gaines, Lillian Bradford and Richard Shelton ably supplement Mr. Hill's efforts along high-class lines, and the strong and well-drilled chorus has not been overtopped by any show yet seen here. Will Vodrey's tuneful numberes, "Mum's the Word, Mr. Moon." "When the Sun Goes Down," "Has Any One Seen Jim Jackson Lee?" "Going to Have a Good Time," "Real Coon Rag," "Molasses Candy," "In Summertime," and otheres, continue to evoke tumultuous applause.

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Manager A. J. Thomas has endeared himself to the theatrical profession by establishing at 635 T street a "Howard Annex," where he will arrange for the accommodation of traveling artists in homelike fashion. He has solved the vexatious problem of how to get the right sort of stopping place for stage people who has no homes for the larger portion of the year. Besides comfortable rooms and toothsome table service, Mr. Thomas has provided a beautifully furnished parlor, with a piano, open to all, and will have a cozy reading room, stocked with the leadeing newspapers, magazines and inviting conveniences. The Annex is immediately opposite the theater. Mr. Thomas has purchased the home and has full control. Due announcement will be made of the grand opening.

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Crumbley and Davis and Miss Ray Bailey, who have recently formed a trio, are resting here this week, and will be the top liners at the Howard's big bill for next week. Their new act is said to be a "scream."

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For the week of May 13 Manager Thomas announces the special engagement of the Ten Dark Knights, whose appearance has long been awaited, and of Miss Fanny Wise, who will be remembered for her splendid work with Cole and Johnson's "Red Moon" two years ago. By general request Miss Wise will sing "Bleeding Moon," in the rendition of which she has no rival. Other standard attractions will fill out the bill.

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There is a striking resemblance in both face and figure between Mme. Cordelia McClain and Miss Pauline Crampton, who have been appearing at the various Washington houses. Both are remarkably handsome women, queenly in bearing, and are fine singers. Their toilettes are exquisite, with a plentitude of diamonds and pearls. Their personal relations are as sisterly as their professional jointure suggests. In order that each may have an opportunity to display her higher accomplishments, Mme. McClain and Miss Crampton frequently interchange prima donna and comedy roles, and few but those on the inside are able to "tell which from t'other."

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the tragedy queen, writes from Kingston, Jamaica, that she is meeting with great success in her dramatic recitals, under the direction of Prof. T. Ellis Jackson. She has appeared before splendid audiences at Kingston, Port Antonia, Buff's Bay and Annato Bay, and her work has been lavishly praised by the daily press at each point visited. Miss Davis is accompanied on her tour by Mrs. Nonie Bailey Hardy, a Washington contralto of decided talent.

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Luke and Ethlyn Scott are arousing renewed interest here by their dainty musical sketch, in which both appear to marked advantage. Mr. Scott's robust tenor is finely displayed in his superb rendition of "The Door of Hope," and Mrs. Scott gave a new and intensely dramatic interpretation of "That Hypnotizing Man." Mrs. Scott's new gowns are a marvel of the modiste's art. Luke Scott is a Washington boy, and his friends are proud of him.

WHY SEALS & FISHER ARE IN NASHVILLE.

We didn't want to rest up, so we open at Twelfth avenue theatre, week of the 29th. The seating capacity is 1,400, and the house was packed to the side walls. Somehow or other it leaked out that Baby Seals, of Freeman fame, was to star the bill and a mad rush was the word—ah, its a grand thing to make a reputation for yourself (a good one), and let it go on ahead of you into a town and everybody takes you by the hand and says, Seals, old boy, we have read so much of you, oh, we see where you've hit 'em hard, and we are proud to know that you are successful. I have this to say in reply to these many compliments. I am not making a fortune in the show business, but the reputation, good health, little money, plenty to eat and dring, surrounded by a host of friends and admirers, accompanied by one of the sweetest and truest little wives in the profession. I tmank God, and I am as happy as a three-year old.

DREAMLAND THEATER, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

The Dreamland theater, at San Antonio, Texas, under the management of Mr. Chintz Moore and his wife Ella, is still in the land of the living and doing nicely. Little Benny Sparrow, late of the Richards and Pringles' minstrels, is in his seventh week and is making good. Miss Birdie Wade, coon shouter, is back after four weeks absence and is scoring big as usual. Great Allen, the boy comedian, just joined and has made good; also Mr. Phillip Perkins, a new comedian to the San Antonioans, opened here on the 20th and screamed them. Mrs. Ella B. Moore has made good here as a producer, and she is called the fashion plate of the southwest. Chintz Moore says howdy, folks.

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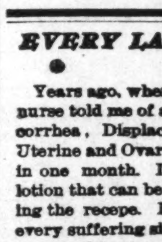

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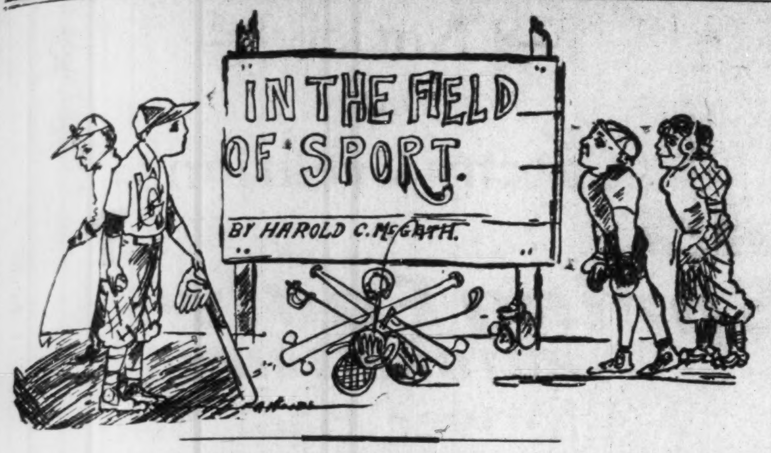
IN THE FIELD OF SPORT
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

Jack Johnson has received his $1,100 for training expenses. Jack Curly, Flynn's manager, paid the sum in accordance with the contract.

The Rex Baseball team, of Winston. Salem, N. C., is in good form, playing so far this season without defeat. The team is willing to meet all comers. Wants to hear from colored clubs coming south.

CHICAGO—Leaving here May 2nd to begin his training at Las Vegas, for his match with Jack Johnson on July 4. Jim Flynn announced that he would be the next heavyweight champion. "I am three times as good as when I fought Johnson before," he declared, "and Johnson is not half as good as he was at that time. It may take the greater part of the afternoon to get to him, but I'll be the king pin before the sun sets on the battle day." Flynn and Jim Curley, his manager, spent the greater part of the day here buying training paraphernalia.

The great battle is over and victory is on Langford's side. But here is the way they referred to the fight in Australia, showing the intense interest in the fight game:

Already a demand for tickets for the McVea-Langford return battle on Easter Monday (April 8) has set in, letters of application from all parts of the State arriving at the Stadium by every mail. Intense interest in this "all black" contest is being evinced all over Australia, and there are symptoms that sportmen from every State in the Commonwealth, and even from New Zealand, will be at the ringside in Rushcutter Bay on Easter Monday. The men are both in strict training, and will enter the ring absolutely fit to fight the battle of their lives.

JOHNSON WOULD COMPROMISE.

Champion Wants Federal Officials to Settle Smuggling Case.

CHICAGO—Another attempt was made last week by Jack Johnson, champion pugilist, to obtain an amicable settlement of the charge that he smuggled a $6,000 necklace into this country. The necklace was seized by Federal officers some time ago, and Johnson was directed to pay its value and a $3,600 penalty to the government. The pugilist deposited $4,000 in the subtreasury and asked the district attorney to accept that sum as a compromise. The offer was reported to the secretary of the treasury at Washington.

JACK JOHNSON GOT HIS TRAINING MONEY.

Curley Posts Champion's Preliminary Expenses for Fight.

CHICAGO—Jack Curley, on May 1st, posted with Al Tearney $1,100 to defray Jack Johnson's training expenses for his fight with Jim Flynn at Las Vegas, N. M., July 4. Flynn and Gurley departed on the 2nd for Montezuma, N. M., where Flynn will do his training. They expect to arrive in Montezuma within a week, making stops at Denver and Pueblo. Two of Flynn's trainers, Tommy Ryan and Howard Morrow, will be in the camp May 15. James J. Corbett and Tommy Burns will arrive during the last week in June. Flynn now weighs 210 pounds. Work on the arena will begin as soon as Curley arrives at Las Vegas. The plans, Curley said, were for 30,000 seats.

MAY BECOME HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

William Tate of Alabama—A Negro With Good Prospects.

Dr. Caffey is the foremost American sporting authority of the Negro race, and is thoroughly versed in the fighting game. In Tate he has discovered a wonder, both in fighting ability and natural strength, and, with careful and proper training, he is in a direct line to win the heavyweight championship from Jack Johnson.

This big, brawny Alabama Negro has been plodding along for the past three years, training slowly, but surely, with an end in view for becoming a heavyweight pugilist of the very first class, and in the opinion of many experts who have seen him work out, he has already acquired a finish and mastery of the fighting art that makes him right now a formidable aspirant for the heavyweight honors of the world.

Among his trainers here are George Washington ("Old Bones"), and Charley Allen, the Normal school football player. The training will be under the personal direction of Dr. Caffey, who will see that the lad has everything that his vast knowledge can give him.

After June 1, Tate will be under the management of Harry Rhineschmidt, the sporting saloonist, of Fifty-ninth street, who is well known to all the Negro sporting men in America.

In view of the fact that Alabama has a chance to wrest the heavyweight title from Johnson, through the work of Tate, a short sketch of his life will prove of interest just now.

Tate was born just twenty years ago last November, and he was endowed with every attribute that is necessary to create a first-class fighting man. He has had, from his early youth, phenomenal agility, superhuman strength and prodigious size, and in addition a stout heart that is game, no matter how hard the battle or how great the punishment. For a long number of years he has had ambitions to become a grea tfighter, and gradually these ambitions are being realized. In easy fashion he has disposed of all of his opponents that have met him thus far in his career, and it is an interesting fact to note that he has never let himself out for fear of permanently disabling the opposing fighters.

On next Tuesday night he will have an opportunity of going at his best pace against Munday Robinson, the Chicago whirlwind, and its a pretty sure thing that the Chicago lad is in for the worst beating of his life at the hands of the Alabama pile-driver.

A large crowd of colored sports will accompany Tate and his manager to Columbus to witness the bout and will back their favorite to the limit. After he defeats Robinson at Columbus, Tate will be watched by every one connected with the fight game in America, as he is looked upon by all those who have seen him in action here as the logical successor of Jack Johnson as heavyweight champion of the world. His prospects for a fight with the topnotchers will be good, following his bout in Columbus and all the fight managers of the country will be clamoring for his appearance at their various clubs.

Tate has been training faithfully for the fight under the direction of Dr. F. C. Caffey, who is one of the leading colored fighting experts of the country, having been Jack Johnson's personal physician during his training period prior to his fight with Jeffries, in which he won the championship of the world.

KID HOY IN TITLE CHASE.

TOLEDO, O.—Kid Hoy, of Baltimore, Md., the greatest colored welterweight in the world today is hot on the trail of all the title chasing white hopes of middle weight. Such men as Jack Dillon, Eddie McGoorty and Hugo Kelly are the stars who dodge him. Hoy some years ago appeared in bouts at Indianapolis, and Hoy beat his men in quick style. At the Indiana clubs about Ft. Wayne, Muncie and Hartford City, Ind., Hoy beat every boxer that stacked up against him, before the Eureka A. C., past, April 11th. Kid Hoy knocked out Rube Winners a white hope of Muncie, Ind. at Ft. Wayne in one round of a ten round contest. Jack Dillon and Kid Hoy would draw one of the largest crowds throughout this part of the country if a match is made.

JACK PETERS WANTS TO FIGHT.

Jack Peters blew in The Freeman office the other day, and full of scrap. He wants 'em to come on; anything from within three or five pounds of his own weight. Jack says he has had thirty-three battles, won twenty-five, got seven draws. His best opponent was Eddie Connelly, who had met and beat all comers in England for three years. He defeated Chas. Givens, of Jacksonville, Fla., in fourteen rounds.

His challenge is as follows: "I have put up forfeit money to bind a match. All letters and money addressed me at Fort Wayne, Ind., will reach me in safety within the next fifteen days.

"JACK PETERS."

IN AUSTRALIA.

Sam McVea Beats Barry of Chicago —An Old Story Interestingly Retold—"Meal Ticket" all Right, But Wouldn't Be Knocked Out.

(By Billy Lewis.

It was in the nineteenth round, says the "Fistiana," the well known Australian sporting journay, when Barry, the Chicago white hope, blurted out between his immensely swollen lips, "I'm a good meal ticket for you, Sam, but you can't knock me out." Really they were meal tickets for each other—a mutual affair, Sam getting the long end of the bargain due to his superior ability. A good crowd was in, coming from all parts of the commonwealth to the stadium at Sidney, the fight port of the Antipodes, even unto New Zealand. Barry was groggy enough, if not knocked out, leaning to the rope as a sick man to the rail at sea.

It was on St. Patrick's day, and Barry, doubtless of the extraction, in keeping, clad himself in green. His compatriots lustily cheered at his presence and for his good taste and tact. None of this, however, saved him from demolishment. Sam, for the first, was nothing outdone. He wore a handsome new robe, the gift of his wife. The Australian writer says: "He looked real corkey (whatever that is) and trod the canvas jauntily as he bowed about him in recognition of the fine reception. Billy McClain was in Sam's corner. Mark Higgins, Peter Felix, his trainer, Syd Pearce of Sculling, and football fame, and others of more or less distinction, were also in his corner. The betting was 10 to 1 on McVea. The Scottish regiment band struck up a tune and the gala day was on.

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If we want some good, vivid description of rounds given, we've got to get 'em of these far away writers. As I have said before, sport writers in our country can give fine close up descriptions if they want to—maybe. But they don't think it is worth while. We don't look at the fight game in quite the same way. At Reno there were some splendid efforts at general reporting, but it was done by high specials as the rule. John Sullivan, Jim Corbett and others of their kind were enlisted because of what they knew of the game and not because of their particular choice way of telling about what happened. However, there were many first class men doing the fight but they were not of the ordinary sport writing ranks. In Australia it seems that everybody in the business puts the stuff out in fine form owing, of course, to what they think of the game. In speaking of this before, I said, that John Sullivan's report of the rounds perhaps were the best sent out from Reno, but at that they look like playthings when compared to what the Australians have sent out, and about fights where no championship was involved.

In the rounds that follow, as sample of the writers at the stadium, there is more of a tendency to whoop up things than those given a few months ago, and which were gems of the kind. The former ones, we take the liberty to say, would apeal to the severest literary taste for style and language, and to all others for the interesting, well-told information. Some humor enters these now given, and I think they will be more popularly appreciated than the stiffer classical ones spoken of so favorably.

From the Fistiana—Al Baker, Referee.

Round 1—They sparred a moment only, and McVea hooked a left flush on the mouth with a crash. Barry was straddling very low, and sticking his left shoulder out and his head turned and hanging low over the right. It was undoubtedly this attitude that saved him from a knock-out, as it prevented, to a great extent, Sam from getting the right to the point. Barry clinched, meeting a solid right uppercut to the face as he did so. Parted, Sam ripped the left at the body, but Barry's right arm was in the way, more from good luck than good management, and the click sounded bad for the Californian's hand. Instantly, however, he hooked it up to the eye, and it was clear that Sam's best weapon was still in commission. Before Barry's hair had settled back after the jar of that wallop the same glove flashed up like the point of a rapier, inside the guard, on to the jaw, and the right whizzed bouncing off the side of the head just above the ear as the left hooked the said head up into range. Though he crouched and threatened horrid deeds with the ponderous right, Jim never threw a punch, all this time being kept busy accepting fierce wallops and grabbing and hugging for safety. He tried one left swing but Sam ducked it, and drove a splendid right uppercut to the face as he came over, bursting the lips and starting a ruby stream that never afterwards ceased to flow throughout the contest. After the inevitable clinch Sam slid in close with a heavy left hook and a right jolt to the burst mouth. It was all McVea's round.

Round 2—The second was sensational. Sam began with three lovely lefts to the face that shook Jim from truck to kelson, and he'd hardly wriggled out of the clinch that Barry put on him before he repeated the dose, and Barry looked badly rattled, and led a wild left at the body, which Sam back-stepped like a dancing master. Back he came to catch the Chicago giant with a tremendous right jolt up to the jaw that dropped him like a log. It appeared as though the cane-belt Hercules was going to repeat his achievement with Bill Lang, and clean out another giant in the second round. But Barry's head is thicker than poor old Bill's, and at three he rose, and as McVea stepped in he swung so short that it was easy to see how that punch had distorted his vision. His invulnerability and aggressiveness made Sam real mad, and he leapt on him like a panther, banging away with that wonderful left lightning uppercut of his, and crashing rights straight, round and up till Barry's head swam and he clung on desperate as a drowning man and only conscious that there was something there to cling to.

Even more sensational was the third. Barry went out to convince Sam that he wasn't half knocked yet. He swung both hands widly, and Sam danced gaily out of reach. But Jim tore after him, putting his soul into a cloud-rending skyscraper right that landed on the neck, just where it joins the shoulder. Sam's feet were off the floor in a short back-move, and the blow, coming down like a falling tree or like Eric Brighteyes' sword, had force enough to send him sprawling on his back to the mat.

And then was when they howled. The huge crowd, many of it fresh from St. Patrick's Day parade and sports, and seeing green, went mad with a fierce joy in what they thought the conquest of white over black, and fairly roared its delight, cries of "A White Hope," being plainly heard above the din. It was short-lived "hope," however, for Sam was on his feet, laughing merrily, before the count went on him, and tore into Barry before he could recover from the astonishment born of his momentary success. Jim was the one who was all abroad, and McVea gave him some terrible punches before the gong went, notably a short, but fearfully heavy, right jolt to the mouth and a tremendous left swing that fairly clanged on Barry's ear, so that he more than evened that knock-down fluke.

After McVea had torn a left hook into the now swollen nose, he hopped away as Jim tried another welt from the welkin, and thought it landed on the shoulder as it fell from high heaven it only made Sam laugh good naturedly. This got Barry's goat, and he fairly rocked the crowd with laughter by his wild swings, which McVea ducked with ludicrous ease and the coolness and enjoyment of a master enjoying the wild efforts of a pupil to hit him. Then he took a hand himself, driving a straight left to the nose that had all his spring, flank, and sholuder behind it, and hooked very heavily to the face just before the gong clanged.

From this out the fight was even more one-sided. Barry now and then delighted the gobemouches by landing a larrup in the slats, but not one was hard enough to do more than make McVea grin amusedly and thereby send Jim fairly up the pole. It was laughable to watch Barry "preparing" to mow Samuel off the stage, and in the midst of his elaborate preparation, to see his head sent spinning by a slicing hook to the jaw or eye. He got that right eye scores of times, and yet it was the left one that got cut and swollen till its vision must have been impaired; and, strange to say, it was the left hand that began the damage, though the right completed it. This was due to the fact that Barry's bent over attitude offered his left eye as a target for a straight left, just as it enabled his opponent to hook him flat in the features as often as on jaw, ear, or temple.

McVea varied his snapping hooks by driving the same weapon, with all his weight, spring, and muscular strength into the face. Barry had no block for this, though he did happen to ward off a hook or a body rip now and again. And yet, heavy as they were, they did not suffice to drop the huge white man, though they made him cling desperately for bare life. The referee was kept busy separating them, and though he grounds, for in nearly every clinch engineered by Jim, Sam would be soberly often said "Back, McVea," he never had wiping his nose with his right—a cute old guard for a sneaky left hook or uppercut at close quarters; try it—and elevating the left towards "that inverted bowl we call the sky." 'Twas Barry who did all the clinging.

Barry's nose came loose in the ninth, and he had a lip on him like a motherless foal. How he survived this round and the next is a marvel, for Sam went in to end the strife and banged him almost at will, fairly jumping up under his left and right uppercuts and landing every time as the big Chicagoanner flung himself forward to try and clinch.

BASE BALL—WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Waxahachie vs. Ennis, Saturday. Waxachie, 5; Ennis, 2.

Waxahachie vs. Waco Navigators (Tuesday). Waco, 5; Waxahachie, 4.

SPORTING NEWS.

The team of St. Joe. Mo., formerly known as the St. Joe Novelties, is now known as the Black Wonders. The lineup: S. Brewer, third base; E. Miller, shortstop; L. McGill, center field; W. Brown, left field; W. Ballew, first base; C. Thomas, second base; O. Anderson, right field; Q. Ballew, catcher; R. Robinson, catcher, B. Pullen, pitcher; C. Washington pitcher; H. White, pitcher; J. Gordon, substitute; A. Gray, substitute.

PENSACOLA IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Pierce Pitches Good Game, Shutting Out A. B. C.'s.

The Pensacola Giants shut out the A. B. C.'s last Sunday at Northwestern park. The pitching of Pierce was invincible, he allowing the home boys only three hits, while both A. B. C. pitchers were hit hard and often. Score:

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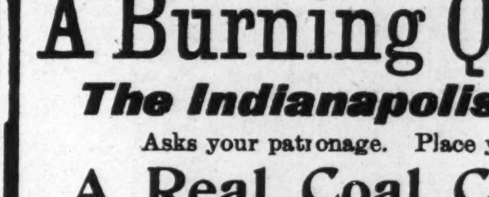
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Pearl Ferguson, a well-known young lady, died at the Lincoln Hospital last Wednesday.

A phantasmagorical panoramic exhibition will be given May 12, at 1125 North Senate avenue.

"Puggy" Hutchinson left Tuesday to join Rube Foster's American Giants ball team of Chicago.

Capt. N. Clark Smith, director of the Tuskegee band, and Mr. J. D. Stevenson, manager, were callers at The Freeman office last Sunday.

The Woman's Civic Club will meet with Mrs. M. E. Cable, Monday, May 13, at 4 p. m. Miss Mary White Ovington will be the guest of honor.

Special service at the new A. M. E. Church, Woodlawn avenue and Hosbrook street, May 19, 1912, 3 p. m. Rev. Chas. Hunter will preach. All invited. Rev. S. Greene, pastor.

Mr. J. G. Groves, of Edwardsville, Kans., known as the "potato king," was in the city last Sunday. He spoke in the interest of the Groves Mining Company, with which he is associated.

The Woman's Civic Club invite the public to hear Mr. Chas. Edward Russell, of New York, a noted writer and eloquent speaker, and a director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Miss Mary White Ovington, author of "Half a Man" and secretary of the organization, will give the history and work of the organization. There will be no admission. A large audience is expected.

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Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Fourth Sunday, Gleaners' Day. Rev. L. P. Powers. Choir will render special music.

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Rev. Wm. Kelly, Pastor.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday, the 12th. Love feast and preaching at 10:30 a. m., conducted by the presiding elder, Rev. Chas. Hunter. Sacrament at 3 p. m. The sacramental sermon will be preached by Rev. H. H. Foreman, D. D., pastor of Simpson Chapel. Preaching at 7:45 p. m. by the presiding elder. This is our third quarterly meeting, and the public is invited to each service. Take Columbia avenue car and get off at Twenty-fifth street; walk three squares east.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

On next Tuesday the Summer Bible Class will open for a twelve months' course under the leadership of Rev. W. A. Weaver. This class will meet on each Tuesday, at 6:15 p. m., for supper and one-half hour Bible study, dismissing at 7:30 p. m. Supper will be served each Tuesday night for 10 cents. The course is open to all men, whether they are members of the association or not. Men who contemplate joining the class are requested to come direct from their work to the building.

The annual business men's banquet will be held in the association building on next Wednesday, at which time the financial report for the year will be given by the secretary. All persons interested in the welfare of the work are requested to be present.

All persons who are in arrears for their building subscriptions are urged to pay the same at once, so that work can be started on the new building, the plans for which are now completed.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Miss Emily Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey, of 275 Seventh street, died suddenly Friday, May 3, after a short illness. Funeral Monday, May 6....Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the state federation of colored women's clubs, is planning to attend the national federation to be held in Hampton, Va., in July....The Rev. Sander preached to a large congregation yesterday. His text was taken from Kings8:1-3; also Kings 5:1-3. ....The Rev. Parker, pastor of the Potter street church, preached to a large congregation yesterday. His text was taken from the fourth chapter of Esther, part of the sixteenth verse.

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PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

Central Law School Hold Commencement Exercises—Ruby Theatre Opens its Doors to a Crowded House.

(By Lee L. Brown, 1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Central Colored Law School held its annual commencement exercises this week at the Zion Baptist Church. There were three graduates that received the degree of LL. B. The principal address was by Rev. W. H. McRidley, of Cadiz, Ky. He recited some of his own experiences as a lawyer, and urged that the graduates strive to be honest. Rev. McRidley and Dr. W. T. Amiger, president of State University, received the honorary degrees of LL. B. Even though the weather was bad, an encouraging number of persons were out. After the exercises the reception was held in honor of the speakers and graduates at A. B. McAfee. Mr. Wheeler, of Marion, Ind., who is a very successful attorney, was also one of the chief speakers.

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The Ruby Theater, midst a downpour of rain, opened its doors Monday night. Every seat in the pretty playhouse was taken long before the show started. Every one seemed to be charmed with the great change, the uniformed men at the door, the ushers and other new novelties introduced, which indicates that this will be a very popular house. A full description of the opening will appear elsewhere in this paper.

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Prof. G. P. Russel, assistant supervisor of colored schools, Lexington, Ky., was in the city last Sunday, to make an address at the Green Street Baptist Church, whose pulpit has been recently filled by Rev. H. W. Jones, a former pastor of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Lexington. Prof. Russel paid an eloquent tribute to the pastor. He said, in part: "I come to bring the greetings of 17,000 colored people of Lexington, who to-day are bowed down in grief on account of the loss of their pastor." Prof. Russel said that Rev. Jones had done more in one year towards raising the moral standard of the colored people in Lexington than others had done in twelve; that his influence was so great that he had closed up a saloon in the neighborhood that had flourished for yeares. Rev. Jones was called to take the place of the late Rev. D. A. Gaddie.

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Miss Julia S. Young, of Frankfort, Ky., was in the city last week, sojourning among friends.

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The Lincoln University Board memberse held a very important meeting this week at Simpsonville, Ky.

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Quite a number of Pythians are expected in the city Sunday.

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Rev. Hannum, pastor of Jacob Street Tabernacle, left this week for Charlotte, N. C., where the annual conference is in session.

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Wedding belels are expected to ring in June.

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The Eckstein Norton Institute, of which Rev. C. H. Parrish is president, will close its doors June 7. This will mark the last commencement exercises in the history of the school. Graduates from all over the United States are requested to be present at the home-coming. All of the exercises will be held on the campus at Cane Spring, Bullitte county, Kentucky.

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The Louisville Musical Club, an organization recently launched, whose initial entertainment was such a great success, have decided to entertain their friends again. They have quite a large number of first-class musicians enrolled.

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The Avondale Club's stag reception was the leading social event of the week. The reception was given at the residence of Mr. Skidmore Blummer. There were about forty guests present. Lunch was served in courses. During the interval Dr. Picket served as toastmaster. The gentlemen called upon responded promptly with very fitting addresses. These young men hope in the near future to rent quarters and open up a club room.

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The commencement of State University will begin next Sunday, at which time the baccalaureate sermon will be preaeched, followed by special exercises in the different departments.

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Hon. Ludlow Peteteyee was the chief speaker at a mass meeting held at the H. B. F. Hall last Tuesday. Other addresses were made by a number of persons who were present. Every one seems to be resting on his sword in political circles.

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The great Kentucky classic will be the attraction here next Saturday. It will be free field day. Needless to say that the famous old Churchill Downs will be filled with spectators of all classes, for here in Kentucky it is not always counted a crime to attend the races, for the dear old State is noted for its fine thoroughbreds, pretty women and good whisky.

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Everything is in readeiness for the sessions of the General Assembly of Presbyterians that will meet here next week. Rev. Allen, pastor of Knox Prosbyterian Church, is using every effort to make this session a grand success. Representatives are expected from all over the country.

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The grand bazar to be given at the Jefferson County Armory for the benefit of the Colored Orphans' Home, May 21-24, is expected to be a grand affair. It deserves all the publicity that can be given it. The institution is struggling to pay off a debt in order that the home may be saved for the needy boys and girls. Appeals are being sent out to friends asking for contributions.

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The Negro Outlook Committee will meet Friday night. Many questions of great importance will come before this committee for discussion. This committee is doing great work in the interest of the race in general.

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Again we must call attention to the resort located on Tenth street, between Broadway and Magazine street, where, night after night, boys and girls under age flock. This place is becoming an eyesore to all the neighborhood, both white and black, yet this man flourishes; in fact, he is getting rich. A church is located within fifty feet of the resort, and not a word of protest have we heard against the closing of it. Evidence is easy to secure. Go any night, stand in the neighborhood and see for yourself.

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The Louisville Teachers' Institute met last Saturday at the High School. A number of very interesting subjects were discussed, that should have been heard by every teacher in Louisville. Out of the large number of teachers in this city, about one-fourth were present. This is the case month after month, yet some of the teachers are always on the anxious seat about the loss of their job. These institutes should be filled up every month.

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Among the many delegates that left Louisville to attend the Southern Sociological Congress, in session at Nashville, Tenn., was Mrs. Bessie L. Allen, who represents the probation office of the Juvenile Court. Mrs. Allen is a very active Juvenile Court worker, also secretary of the Kentucky Home Society for Colored Children, and a State officer in the Ladies o fthe G. A. R., whose session will be held in this city during this month.

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Active preparations are being made for the production in this city of the great dramatic work of Lawyer N. R. Harper, "Tallyboo," which has attracted wide attention throughout the whole country. Messrs. J. R. Harper and Al H. Traham, of Chicago, members or the cast, are sojourning in the city. The headquarters of the management has been transferred to this city. Other members of the cast from New York, Chicago and Washington, D. C., are expected in this city within the next week, after which dates will be arranged. Attorney Harper is to be congratulated for the success of the play. Wherever he has gone he has been the center of attraction.

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Says one of the local papers: "Miss Adeline Zachert, director of children's work in the Louisville Free Public Library, has asked permission of the Board of Education to establish a library station in one of the rooms of the Lincoln Colored School. According to the plan outlined by Miss Zachert, the station will be opened about two days each week during the summer months, in order to direct the reading of the colored children and men and women in the southeastern district of the city. In the event that the station becomes popular Miss Zachert will probably ask permission to continue it until the Eastern Colored Branch Library is ready for work. The Board of Education, it is said, will accede to Miss Zachert's request." We hope that the above information will mean the employment of some of those who are on the eligible list for librarians. If our white friends are so interested in our welfare, how much more should we be interested in ourselves. It is a bad man or woman who does not love his own race.

DALLAS, TEX.

Delegates to Serve the Masses at All Grand Session—Associations Sunday School Conventions—Taxation Cutting a Slogan.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

It takes organized bodies these days to accomplish any desired aim of our people with the white men in business and otherwise. The white men in business here are keen to see and know when we are doing things to build p and be a help to our various communities, and some of them are ever ready to be counted on the uplifting side of the race when called on. But the worst thing that could happen, is among ourselves over the matter of who shall be the big one. This big, bold, bad, terrible blunder is the race's undoing in the city of Dallas too many times to be here mentioned. This usually happens among the so-called, self-styled, self-appointed men and women, who, when opposed in anything by others, get a few of the ignorant don't-care element together in some out-of-the way place and begin their destructive work by posing as a great leader of the masses and say "You all here are my chosen ones," and so it goes at that for the time. Then it comes to light that nothing which seems reasonable to the men and women of ability can be done to please these little, self-styled ones and the destructive work begins and never ends until the object of attack has been completely banished from the people. What is needed to meet these menaces to progress here is men an dwomen who are willing to battle in the churches, lodges, societies, clubs, business and other places and show these disgruntlers and destroyers of business that they are in the way of the great mass of people who will no longer stand for them to predominate and keep up their continued disorganization practice at the expense of those who are right. We call on the loyal supporters of the right to act and act quickly and rout these pigmies, wherever found. The sooner the better for the unborn children and the generations to come. A start must be made, so let it begin. Hundreds of toilers will welcome it here for the future..Mr. Johnnie Valks, the saloon man, who protected one of his patrons a few days ago, is being congratulated by people of both races. For by his timely actions the money was found on the thief and the thief turned over to the authorities......Misses Lucinda Ware and Beatrice Reece tendered some of their friends a social soiree last Monday evening, from 8:30 to 12, at the residence of Miss Ware's parents, 2615 San Jacinto street. The time was merrily spent in singing, dancing, games and merriment. The following were present: Misses Edna Mackey, Willie King, Zenobia Frazier, Mabel Carson, Maud Kimbrough, Lucile Edwards, Charlotte Emory, Georgia Kirkland, Unis Reed, Mabel and Irene Hawkins, Beatrice Reece, Willie Walker, Ethel Wilburn, and Messrs. A. A. Dismuke, James Kelly, Elijah Griffin, Willie Charles, Henry McCullough, Tee Brooks, Grant Dickson, Albert Sweet, James Stewart, Andrew Fears, Anthony Sapp, B. B. Ace, and Edna Shropshire, Lena Shropshire, Sam Pettigrew, Sanders Pollard and others.... St. John Baptist church is being thoroughly remodeled by colored contractors. When completed it will have largely increased interior to better accommodate its growing attendance....The play, Damon and Pythias, is the talk of the several hundreds who witnessed it at St. James A. M. E. church several nights ago. The public-spirited Knights of Pythias, Courts of Calanthe and citizens of Fort Worth have guaranteed the company a large audience there Monday night in the high school auditorium; they have also promised a jolly good time. Every Negro in Dallas and Fort Worth should become interested in such uplifting plays as this one, especially when a company tries to serve the people in high class dramatic art, like this company has done and proposes to do in each of its presentations....Mr. A. D. White is in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Roy Loggins is improving at his State street residence.... Messrs. Ed. Kelly, S. S. Smith, A. D. and G. D. Harris and D. Knowling, of Dennison, paid their friends here a business trip last week....Since it is moving time with so many of our race, you will do well to let the reporter know your new addresses, so you will always have The Freeman to read. Call at 2922 Cochran street......Mr. W. W. Daily, of West, spent several days here the past week, closing up some business affairs for his sister, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, who recently lost her husband. Before leaving for home Mr. Daily ordered The Freeman sent to him each week.....The country is calling for farm help and the city and county officers are making it too hot for the idlers to think of this being a haven of rest just now. So it's to work or beat it, or get beat. You have your choice, Mr. Pegtop, midnight teasing, high crown men and women without work, white and black, is the element to be dealt with summarily. We notice that since the dragnet has been out there is not so much purse snatching and so many hold-ups, and no big gangs in the Negro places of business, without having some sure enough business there....Miss Minnie Eustace, of Austin, is here visiting relatives....Mr. Jordan Adams is visiting relatives in Texarkana, Ark....Mr. William Harding and Mr. Williamson, the druggist, are all smiles because there's a little boy and girl at their homes. Mothers are doing nicely at this time....At this time of the year one can see great crowds going hunting and fishing daily. They report great sport in the country and on the lakes, creeks and other places.......The following persons who have been sick are improving: Mrs. Billie George, Mrs. Georgia Sheron, Mrs. Ella Pain, Mrs. Gus Berlerson....The Welch Furniture Company has enlarged their sales rooms at the corner of Ball street and Central avenue. This is a Negro firm and should be encouraged as all Negro firms must exist....Never in the history of this city were there so many people claiming they were broke and can not pay their debts as there are these days in Dallas since the closing of the Penny Savings Bank. We know that there are some who were depositors there but the number has grown beyond the recollection of any one of the officials of that institution to date, and it should be stopped. ....You can do that trading at some of the Negro stores where they will treat you right; every day in the week if you like. See Watt Shaw, P. Lowery and Son, H. W. Scott & Co., the new mercantile firm, and others that will make you special prices for cash....The time is fast approaching when a large number of the lodges, churches, Sunday schools and other bodies of the race will be called together to represent the folks at home in their humble walks of life. You who have had the honor conferred upon you should think and act well your parts towards cutting down some of these burdensome taxation that now exists. Let salary cutting be the slogan and the office seekers meet their fate if they are not suitable ones for the masses at home. The heads of departments should be made to know the humblest delegate as well as the big guns, who are ever looking for some fat place that pays the year round and per diem. Delegates, it is up to you, one and all, to begin to pave the way so that better financial results will characterize the various annual meetings and not so much display and good time wasted, which heretofore has been the feature. We will await the results.

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